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Shaw Wi-Fi in the city could match Calgary's

Personal information.
Company demanding
personal info for 'free'
Wi-Fi in Calgary



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The City of Edmonton is hoping Shaw Cable won't demand personal information, like it did in Calgary, when it rolls out its Wi-Fi network in Edmonton, but admits that it will be Shaw's decision.

Shaw unveiled its free Wi-Fi in a partnership with the City of Calgary on Tuesday. The company's customers get unlimited wireless service access and non-customers also get free service, but on a limited monthly basis.

In Calgary, non-Shaw customers also have to provide their phone, email, mailing address and postal code and agree to allow the company to contact them.

Edmonton signed a deal with Shaw last year and the rollout is expected in the coming months. Kate Rozmahel, the city's general manager of corporate services, said Shaw has yet to indicate to the city if they will use similar login requirements in Edmonton.

"They haven't come back to us and said that they're going to be asking citizens for all that information to use the service," she said.

Rozmahel said the city memorandum of understanding with Shaw doesn't specify how users will connect to the system, other than insisting that the access be free of charge.

She said if Shaw wants to

use similar login requirements as they did in Calgary, they can.

"I'm not sure I would recommend that that's the best course of action to try and use their service, but in the end it's their service."

She said the city has also purposely kept its deal with Shaw non-exclusive, meaning other providers could use city buildings to provide wireless Internet service.

"Shaw will be in some facilities and there may be other providers that show up as well. We've made it clear to the world that our interest is to get access for citizens in public places," she said.

She added the city's current network will only be decommissioned if the city's confident there's sufficient access for citizens.

A Shaw spokesperson declined to offer any comment.



PEDAL TO THE METAL

Employees of Canadian Western Bank were among several groups who took a lap around downtown Wednesday on the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

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Edmonton's flag designs get narrowed down to eight

What's in a flag?

People send in dozens of submissions

A magpie, the river valley and sunshine are all featured in some of the eight flag finalists as part of a contest to remake Edmonton's flag.

After receiving 113 entries from participants of all ages, Colour Your Flag judges combed through countless flags to pick the top eight which will proudly flap in the wind at NorQuest College starting Saturday.

"Some of them had incredible detail and were really complex ideas. Some of them had really simple ideas but were just as powerful. You can tell people had a lot of fun with them," said Lisa Baroldi, group director.

As one of the three judges part of the design challenge, Sue Huff enjoyed seeing how certain elements of the city appeared in people's ideas for an Edmonton flag.

At a glance

- Group officials are thinking about printing another round of flags due to the public's interest.
- The city's current flag has nine major elements, including the blue and white background colours

"They were all strong for different reasons. A lot of the flags featured diamonds, which is something iconic. We love our pyramids," she said.

The competition isn't officially associated with the city, but organizers say the competition got people talking more about Edmonton's image.

"The conversation was really rich and I think it's reflective of the introspection we're having as a city right now," said Baroldi.

The flags will be officially unveiled on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the college. The flags will be hung at the school indefinitely.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



The city's flag, left, features too many elements, according to vexillology experts, with Colour Your Flag organizers receiving more simple flag designs as part of a design competition. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Human remains found near Nordegg



Anina Hundsdoerfer was first reported missing at the end of March. METRO FILE

The roommate of a missing Edmonton woman has mixed emotions about the discovery of human remains in west-central Alberta, near where a car belonging to the woman was found earlier this year.

Rocky Mountain House RCMP said the remains were found near Nordegg, after search and rescue was sent out Monday to follow up on a tip

from a grader operator who was working in the area.

RCMP couldn't confirm if the human remains were those of Anina Hundsdoerfer, an Alberta government scientist who was last seen in March.

"We have human remains, we don't have an identity yet," said Rocky Mountain RCMP Staff Sgt. Bill Laidlaw.

Caroline

Hendley,

Hundsdoerfer's roommate, said friends and family are awaiting word on the identity and until then are clinging to a sliver of hope she's still alive.

"On the one hand, if it is Anina then we've found her and we're closer to finding out what happened to her," Hendley said. "The other side of that obviously is as long as she hasn't been found, there

is always the small hope that maybe she will be found and she will be found alive."

There have been few clues on Hundsdoerfer's disappearance. While the Edmonton police have been able to confirm the discovery, investigators are waiting on autopsy scheduled for later this week before they can confirm the identity.

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One card to rule them all?

Driver's licence change. Minister proposes merging licences, health cards



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Albertans' driver's licences and health cards could become one secure card under plans Service Alberta Minister Doug Griffiths hopes to bring forward this fall.

Griffiths floated the idea this week and said he hoped to detail the proposal later this year. He said the model would follow what's happening in British Columbia.

He said the details have to be worked out, but the health and driving information could be merged into a card that would work more like a credit card, better protecting the information.

"Your credit card doesn't have any information on it. It's an access point," he said.

Griffiths said a more secure health card would save administration costs and reduce fraud.

"We know that there are people who aren't Albertans

Quoted

"We know that there are people who aren't Albertans who have Alberta health cards and it's very beneficial for them."

Service Alberta Minister Doug Griffiths

who have Alberta health cards and it's very beneficial for them," he said.

Albertans would embrace the technology, Griffiths believes, because it would help them secure their identity.

"The most valuable property anybody has is their own identification, so top of mind is to make sure we're able to secure people's identity," he said.

Darrell Evans, with the Canadian Identity Theft Prevention Association, said pulling the information together raises serious concerns.

"We don't want the government to have a massive central file on people," he said.

He said a big centralized data system could also be a major problem. "The bigger and more complicated it gets the more vulnerable it gets."



Service Alberta Minister Doug Griffiths is floating an idea to merge Albertans' health cards and driver's licences on to one card. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO FILE

Accusation

Wildrose-PC merger?

Alberta Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith accused Jim Prentice Wednesday of trying to eliminate her party as a threat before he even officially enters the race to become premier.

Smith says a member of Prentice's inner circle has approached someone on her team pitching a merger should Prentice win the Progressive Conservative leadership contest.

She said her answer was a categorical no.

"Jim Prentice is taking entitlement to a whole new level," said Smith.

"He thinks that he should be able to walk in without facing a leadership contest among the other PC candidates, and he thinks that we should clear the way for him and pack up our tent and go away so he can become premier without opposition."

"If he wants to become premier, he should face the challenge."

Smith refused to identify the person in the Prentice camp who pitched the idea.

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NAIT crane operator hopefuls line up for days



Doug Visser lined up with approximately 50 other crane operator apprentice hopefuls Wednesday. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Doug Visser thought he'd arrive early to get himself a spot in line to register for NAIT's crane operator apprenticeship program — four days early, to be exact.

Securing himself the ninth spot in the line, Visser sat and waited Wednesday with approximately 50 other prospective crane apprentices, all in hopes of securing one of the 180 first-year and third-

year spots available in the competitive program.

"I just sort of thought I might have to camp out, but I didn't think there would be anyone here," said Visser, who missed four days of work in order to save his spot in line.

NAIT spokesperson Frank Landry said a variety of apprentice trades showed up early this week to line up for their preferred program.

Spots

180

Only 180 spots are currently available for first- and third-year crane operator apprentice students.

"I know there is a big demand for crane and hoist operators," said Landry.

Sitting next to Visser, Lacey Untereiner said the lineup shows a lack of government follow through.

"There is no support," said Untereiner, an aunt sitting through the day to save her niece a spot in line while she works. "They promote the trades particularly to women, but then when they get in it's this kind of situation they are faced with." LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

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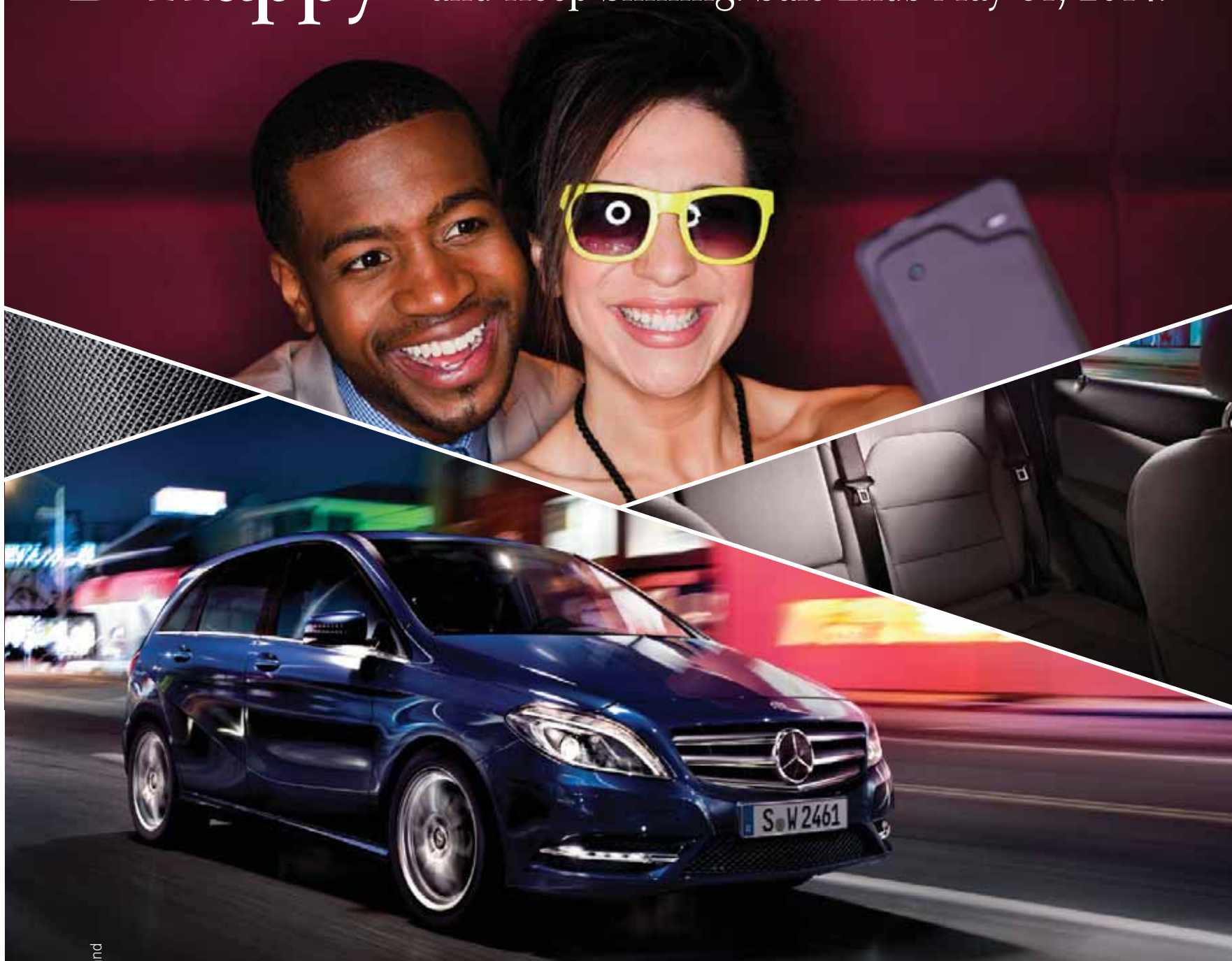
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New MacEwan campus designed for downtown

Centre for Arts and Culture. \$153M building to join arena, museum



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Plans for the newest addition to MacEwan University's downtown campus will be designed to showcase local talent and add to the city's downtown core, said the university president Wednesday.

As part of the official unveiling of the Centre for Arts and Culture design plans, David Atkinson said the \$153-million building will be an important facet of Edmonton's downtown future development, which includes a new Royal Alberta Museum and hockey arena.

"It's intended to be an integral part of the downtown community," Atkinson said. "We are an urban institution.

We're not campus-centric."

Construction is set to kick off September 2017 for the centre, which will bring students from MacEwan's Jasper Place and Mill Woods campus downtown.

Along with \$30 million from the province already committed to the project, the school will be paying for the remainder of the cost through the sale of the two older campuses, along with fundraising efforts.

The new building is also slated to save the school close to \$1.8 million per year in operating costs.

Vancouver-based architect Bing Thom plans to integrate retail space into the new building, for a multifunction space.

"Basically the architecture will be the background for the performances that are going to occur," Thom said.

"We fully tried to design a building that is relatively tough so students can mess it up."



New design renderings for MacEwan University's plans for its Centre for Arts and Culture were unveiled Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

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Galleria pedway gets \$7.5M

Plans for a pedway to the proposed Edmonton Galleria project got a boost Wednesday, as city councillors agreed to spend as much as \$7.5 million on the project in an 11-2 vote.

The debate over the pedway has been brewing since the spring, with the Galleria's foundation initially asking for \$25 million from the city. The entire project is now expected to cost \$30 million, but 75 per cent of the money will come

Culture boost

4

The Galleria project proposed to build four new theatres in the arena near the new Royal Alberta Museum.

from adjacent landowners.

Coun. Mike Nickel said he couldn't support the proposal, because despite the private

funding, it still cut into more valuable projects.

"When I measure this against all our other priorities, all our other projects, the pedway is not at the top of the list," he said.

Coun. Andrew Knack said because the proposed link connects to the new museum the city would likely have built it anyway, but this way they aren't funding the total cost.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Transit pioneer

ETS honours first female operator

Recognition for Edmonton's first female transit operator could soon come after an inquiry was made on Wednesday. Kathleen Andrews, who recently passed away, could soon be the name on the new transit garage that would be built in the northeast part of the city, as suggested by councillor Amarjeet Sohi.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Petroleum Congress. Alta. boycotts Russian event

The Alberta government is pulling out of next month's World Petroleum Congress in Moscow to protest Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Premier Dave Hancock says it's important to show Alberta stands with the federal government in condemning Russia's annexation of sovereign Ukraine territory.

Hancock says the province won't dictate to private companies that had planned to go

to the congress from June 15 to 19. He says businesses can make their own decisions.

Intergovernmental Relations Minister Cal Dallas estimates the change in plans will cost the government about \$100,000.

Alberta was to have a booth in the Canadian Pavilion and to help provincial oil and gas companies meet Russian officials and business leaders.

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Recent fatal mine disasters

2013

Eighty-three workers are buried by a massive landslide at a gold mining site in Tibet.

2012

At least 60 people dead after a landslide at a gold mine in a remote corner of northeast Congo.

2011

Fifty-two people are feared dead in southwestern Pakistan after a gas explosion deep in a coal mine.

2007

At least 90 are killed in post-Soviet Ukraine's worst mining disaster in a coal mine near the eastern city of Donetsk.

2006

65 coal miners are killed from a gas explosion in San Juan de Sabinas, in northern Mexico's Coahuila state.

2005

214 miners die after an explosion deep in a coal shaft in southwestern China.

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Turkey counts its dead

Turkish tragedy. Hope dwindling in search for survivors of coal mine catastrophe

Anger and grief boiled over into a violent protest Wednesday in the western Turkish town of Soma, where officials said at least 245 miners died in a coal mine explosion and fire.

Nearly 450 other miners were rescued, the mining company said, but the fate of an unknown number of others remained unclear in one of the world's deadliest mining disasters in decades.

Tensions were high as hundreds of relatives and miners jostled outside the coal mine waiting for news, countered by a heavy police presence.

Rows of women wailed uncontrollably, men knelt sobbing and others just stared in disbelief as rescue workers removed a steady stream of bodies throughout the night and early morning. Others shouted at Turkish officials as

they passed by.

In downtown Soma, protesters mostly in their teens and 20s faced off against riot police Wednesday afternoon in front of the ruling NKP party headquarters. Police had gas masks and water cannons.

Authorities say the disaster followed an explosion and fire caused by a power distribution unit and the deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan promised the tragedy would be investigated to its "smallest detail" and that "no negligence will be ignored."

Erdogan discussed rescue operations with authorities, walked near the entrance of the mine and comforted two crying women. He has appeared less-than-sympathetic in the past, however, saying that death was part of the "profession's fate" after 30 miners died in a 2010 accident.

Mining accidents are common in Turkey, which is plagued by poor safety conditions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rows of open graves for the mine accident victims are seen in Soma, Turkey, on Wednesday. At least 200 coal miners were killed after a mine explosion. Violent protests have erupted in several Turkish cities, targeting the mine's owners and the national government. In Soma, rocks were being thrown and some people were shouting that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was a "murderer!" and a "thief!" DEPO PHOTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dennis - Toronto
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Saudah - Toronto
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Samir - Toronto
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Brad - Ottawa

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Psych test delays murder trial. Pistorius defence implies mental illness

Oscar Pistorius was ordered by a judge on Wednesday to undergo psychiatric tests, meaning that the double-amputee athlete's murder trial will be interrupted, possibly for two months.

The decision by Judge Thokozile Masipa followed a request for a psychiatric evaluation by the chief prosecutor, Gerrie Nel. The prosecutor had said he had no option but to ask for it after an expert witness for the defence testified that Pistorius had an anxiety disorder since childhood that may

have influenced his judgment when he fatally shot his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

He could be acquitted if it's found that he was not criminally responsible for Steenkamp's shooting because of a mental illness. The judge said it was important to assess his state of mind because of questions raised by the prosecution that Pistorius might argue he was not criminally responsible for the shooting because of his anxiety disorder.

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Oscar Pistorius leaves court in Pretoria, South Africa, on Tuesday.

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Washington

WikiLeaker may receive gender hormone therapy

In an unprecedented move, the Pentagon is trying to transfer convicted national security leaker Pvt. Chelsea Manning to a civilian prison so she can get treatment for her gender disorder, defence officials said.

Manning, formerly named Bradley, was convicted of sending classified documents to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. The soldier has asked for hormone therapy and to be able to live as a woman.

Transgender people are not allowed to serve in the U.S. military and the Defence Department does not provide such treatment, but Manning can't be discharged from the service while serving her 35-year prison sentence.

The former intelligence analyst was sentenced in August for six Espionage Act violations and 14 other offences.

After the conviction, Manning announced the desire to live as a woman and to be called Chelsea.

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Rights group seeks protection for kids working in tobacco industry

Human Rights Watch.

New report highlights findings from interviews with over 140 children

An international rights group is pushing the federal government and the tobacco industry to take further steps to protect children working on U.S. tobacco farms.

A report released Wednesday by Human Rights Watch claims that children as young as seven sometimes work long hours in fields harvesting nicotine and pesticide-laced tobacco leaves under sometimes hazardous conditions. Most of what the group documented is legal, but it wants cigarette makers to push for safety on tobacco farms.

Human Rights Watch details findings from interviews with more than 140 children work-



In this 2008 photo, farm workers make their way across a field shrouded in fog as they hoe weeds from a tobacco crop near Warsaw, Ky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ing on farms in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, where a majority of the country's tobacco is grown.

Human Rights Watch met with many of the world's big-

gest cigarette makers and tobacco suppliers to discuss its findings and push them to adopt or strengthen policies to prevent the practices in their supply chains.

Altria Group Inc., owner of Philip Morris USA, said it wants suppliers to follow the law. But Altria spokesman Jeff Caldwell said that restricting tobacco work to people 18 and over "is

really contrary to a lot of the current practices that are in place in the U.S. and is at odds in these communities where family farming is really a way of life." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tobacco farms

Reports of illnesses

About 736,500 children under 18 were reported to have worked on U.S. farms in 2012, but there are no figures for children working on tobacco farms, according to the federally funded National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

Nearly three-quarters of the children interviewed in 2012 and 2013 reported vomiting, nausea and headaches while working. The symptoms are consistent with Green Tobacco Sickness, which occurs when workers absorb nicotine through their skin while handling tobacco plants.

Tensions rise in northeast Nigeria

Islamic militants again attacked the remote Nigerian town from which nearly 300 schoolgirls were kidnapped, Nigeria's military said Wednesday, resulting in a firefight that killed 12 soldiers and led angry troops to fire on a commanding officer.

Soldiers said the troops fired at a senior officer who came to pay respects to the killed soldiers, whose bodies were brought to a barracks in Maiduguri, the capital of northeastern Borno state, about 130

kilometres north of the town of Chibok, where the girls were abducted a month ago.

The failure of Nigeria's government and military to find them after the April 15 mass abduction has brought mounting national and international outrage and forced Nigeria's government to accept international help.

On Tuesday morning, after learning about an impending attack by the militants, villagers ambushed two trucks with gunmen, according to

residents and a security official. At least 10 militants were detained, and scores were killed, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear where the detainees were being held.

At least 276 of the schoolgirls are still held captive, with the group's leader threatening to sell them into slavery. In a video released on Monday, he offered to release the girls in exchange for the freedom of jailed Boko Haram members.

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Vendors sell local newspapers with the headline "I saw my classmate in the video," referring to a Boko Haram video released Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portrait of a girl

Malala's portrait sold for \$102,500

A British artist's portrait of a young Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education has brought in more than \$100,000 at auction.

Christie's says the painting of Malala Yousafzai by Jonathan Yeo sold for \$102,500.

The proceeds will go to the Malala Fund, which said the money would be given to Nigerian non-profits that focus on education for women and girls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan

Quranic teacher faces rape charges

Pakistani police arrested a teacher at a Quranic school and his two friends on charges of gang raping a college student, authorities said. The case against Qari Naseer, 27, marks a rare rape arrest in Pakistan, where prosecutions are few and victims are often stigmatized.

Crowds outside court pelted the accused with ink and stones. "I am feeling shame for doing this act," Naseer said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Former editor says he hacked Kate's phone



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The former royal editor of the News of the World said Wednesday that he repeatedly hacked the voicemails of Prince William, Prince Harry and Kate Middleton in the months before he was arrested for illegal eavesdropping in 2006.

Under cross examination at Britain's phone hacking trial, Clive Goodman acknowledged he had listened to Middleton's voicemails 155 times, Prince William's 35 times and Prince

Harry's nine times.

Goodman was briefly jailed in 2007, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, for hacking the phones of royal aides. But Goodman said police and prosecutors never asked him if he had also targeted members of the royal family.

"I have been as open and honest about hacking as I can be, but nobody has asked me any questions about this before," said Goodman, 56.

Earlier in the trial the jury was read transcripts of intercepted phone messages between William and Kate from the days when they were courting. She became the Duchess of Cambridge when they married in 2011.

Goodman said Kate was first targeted in late 2005, when she was becoming "a figure of increasing importance around the royal family."

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High court ruling on

Opening door to deportation. Court rejects terror suspect's constitutional challenge of security certificate

The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the national security certificate against terror suspect Mohamed Harkat, opening the door to the next step in deporting him.

The high court also rejected Harkat's constitutional challenge of the security certificate

regime, unanimously ruling that the process — while not perfect — is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"It's difficult to put it in words," Harkat's lawyer Norm Boxall said Wednesday after the decision was released. "I can't think of another word to say, other than it was devastating."

Added Harkat's wife, Sophie, as she and her husband were getting into a car to leave: "We will fight them all the way."

Harkat, 45, has said he could face torture if returned to his native Algeria, raising questions about how, when or even if he

Halifax

Teens accused of kidnapping friend, forcing him to steal

Three teens from the Halifax area face charges after they allegedly kidnapped another young man and ordered him to commit robberies.

The RCMP say the 19-year-old victim was arrested Monday after he walked into a convenience store in Wind-

sor, N.S., and told the clerk he was being forced to commit a robbery and to call police.

Sgt. Anthony Pompeo says the kidnapping was not random and the victim was friends with the three suspects.

The victim was not hurt and is not facing any charges.

Pompeo says the man was forced into a car in the suburb of Lower Sackville earlier in the day and threatened with violence.

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upholds Harkat

will be removed from Canada.

The former pizza delivery man was taken into custody in Ottawa in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent. He denies any involvement with terrorism.

The federal government is trying to deport the Algerian refugee on a security certificate — a seldom-used tool in immigration law for removing non-citizens suspected of extremism or espionage.

Harkat's lawyers argued the process was unfair because the person named in a security certificate doesn't see the full case

against them.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said the security certificate regime does not violate the person's right to know and challenge the allegations they face. However, the high court provided detailed guidance on applying the process to ensure it is fair.

Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ruled in 2010 that there were grounds to believe Harkat is a security threat who maintained ties to Osama bin Laden's terror network after coming to Canada.

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Ohio

No more kids for deadbeat dad: Appeals court

An Ohio appeals court has upheld a judge's order that a father can't have more kids until he pays his back child support.

The decision this week by the appeals court didn't provide an opinion about whether the judge's order was

appropriate. Instead the appeals court said it didn't have enough information to decide the merits of the case without a copy of the pre-sentence report detailing Asim Taylor's background.

In January 2013, Judge James Walther said Taylor couldn't have more children while he is on probation for five years. The judge said the order would be lifted if Taylor pays nearly \$100,000 US in overdue support for his four children. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Trudeau urged to drop abortion benchmark

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto is asking Justin Trudeau to reconsider his decision to bar would-be Liberal candidates who do not endorse the party policy on abortion.

Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote to the Liberal leader Wednesday to say he is deeply concerned about the controversy.

Collins said he understands the need for party discipline,

but questions whether that discipline can extend to matters of conscience.

"Political leaders surely have the right to insist on party unity and discipline in political matters which are within the legitimate scope of their authority," Collins wrote.

"But that political authority is not limitless: it does not extend to matters of conscience and religious faith. It does not govern all aspects of life."

Trudeau has said the party won't accept new candidates who are not pro-choice on abortion, although sitting MPs will be allowed to run even if they oppose the practice.

"As a party, we are steadfast in our belief ... that it is not for any government to legislate what a woman chooses to do with her body, and that is the bottom line there," Trudeau said last week.

"I have made it clear that

future candidates need to be completely understanding that they will be expected to vote pro-choice on any bills."

In his letter, the cardinal reminded Trudeau — who was raised in the Catholic faith of his famous father — that the patron saint of politicians, Thomas More, was executed for following his conscience against the political authority of his day.

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Storms migrating en masse out of tropics, study finds

Not in the Atlantic.

Storms there drift northward only 6.5 km a decade, which could just be random, researcher says

Tropical cyclones worldwide are moving out of the tropics and more toward the poles and generally larger populations, likely because of global warming, a new study finds. Atlantic hurricanes, however, don't follow this trend.

While other studies have looked at the strength and frequency of the storms, which are called hurricanes in North America, this is the first study that looks at where they are geographically when they peak. It found in the last 30 years, tropical cyclones, regardless of their size, are peaking 53 kilometres farther north each decade in the

Japanese region

In the region where Japan tracks cyclones, they are peaking 68 kilometres farther north each decade. That means cyclones that used to hit their strongest around the same latitude as the northern Philippines are now peaking closer to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai, Japan and South Korea.

Northern Hemisphere and 61 kilometres farther south each decade in the Southern Hemisphere. That means about 160 kilometres toward the more populous mid-latitudes since 1982, the starting date for the study released Wednesday by the journal Nature.

"The storms en masse are migrating out of the tropics," said study lead author James Kossin of the National Climatic Data Center and the University of Wisconsin.

Kossin and colleagues say the changes start with man-made global warming, which alters air circulation from the tropics to just farther north and south.

In the tropics, those changes increase upper atmosphere wind shifts called shear that weaken cyclone development. At higher latitudes the changes decrease the storm-decapitating shear, making those areas more favourable for storm intensification.

"The tropics are becoming less hospitable" for these storms, Kossin said.

Past storm studies have been criticized because data doesn't go back many years. But Kossin, his colleagues and outside scientists say that by looking at where geographically storms hit their peak this study avoids problems with haphazard measurements and thus can make a stronger connection to climate change.

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Space station

Russia takes tussle with U.S. to space

NASA is downplaying Russian deputy prime minister Dmitry Rogozin's statements that Russia wouldn't continue co-operating with the United States on the 15-nation International Space Station past 2020, as NASA had hoped, because of U.S. sanctions on Moscow. The United States relies on Russian Soyuz capsules to fly to and from the station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California

Study: Irrigation raises quake risk

Excessive groundwater pumping for irrigation in California's agricultural belt, which is causing the San Joaquin Valley floor to sink, can stress the San Andreas Fault, potentially increasing the risk of future small earthquakes, a study released by the journal Nature suggests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tourists lend helping hand

Foreign tourists help to release a sea turtle to the ocean on a beach in Bali, Indonesia, Wednesday. With the help of tourists, Bali police released about a dozen turtles that they seized last month from illegal poachers. FIRDIA LISNAWATI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who let the dogs out? 6 pups believed stolen from dog walker's truck



Four of the six dogs believed to have been stolen from a dog walker's truck in B.C. on Tuesday. COURTESY LANGLEY RCMP

Langley, B.C. Police say the owners believe the six dogs were taken and did not escape



THANDI FLETCHER
Metro in Vancouver

Mounties in Langley are hunting for clues as to who may have taken six hounds from the back of a dog walker's pickup truck Tuesday.

Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for the dogs believed stolen after the dog walker left them in the back of her pickup truck to use the washroom, said Langley RCMP Const. Holly Marks.

The dog walker had taken the dogs to an off-leash dog park in Brookwood. When she returned 10 minutes later, the truck's canopy was unlatched and the dogs were gone, said Marks.

The dog walker searched the area for hours but wasn't able to locate any of them, she said. Her truck was parked in the 4400 block of 206 Street in Langley.

The missing dogs include a black and white pit bull named Mia; a grey Bouvier-poodle cross named Teemo; a black and white Boston Terrier named Buddy; a border collie named Salty; Oscar the black and brown Rottweiler-husky cross; and Molly, a grey and black-coloured blue heeler-German shepherd cross (not pictured).

Marks said the owners believe the dogs were taken and did not escape from the truck.

In her career, Marks said she has never seen such a brazen dog-napping incident, especially in such a short time frame.

As a dog lover herself, she said she hopes the owners are reunited soon with their furry family members.

"Obviously these are people that care about their animals because they've sent them to a dog walker for the day instead of leaving them in their house," she said. "I can't imagine what they're going through."

For more information and photos of the dogs, visit www.facebook.com/missing-petsinBC

Bosnia

Rain, rain go away! Floods threaten Sarajevo

Heavy rainfall is pushing rivers in Bosnia to critical levels, including in the capital Sarajevo.

The Sarajevo Civil Protection office said Wednesday that the days-long rainfall was particularly heavy overnight and several people had to be evacuated from their flooded homes and businesses. Sarajevo's Miljacka river — a tiny creek — has grown into a wild 2.5-meters deep river that threatens to flood the city's downtown.

Officials said there was no indication that rain would stop any time soon.

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Romania

Have a beary good time at new Liberty sanctuary

Two animal rights groups say Europe's largest bear sanctuary, housing dozens of bears rescued from captivity, has been completed in Romania.

The World Society for the Protection of Animals and Millions of Friends said Wednesday that 78 bears have found a home in the sprawling Liberty sanctuary. Romania is home to more than half of the wild bears in the European Union.

The animal rights groups said bear enthusiasts can visit the 27-hectare sanctuary, near the town of Zarnesti. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haiti

Explorer claims to have found Columbus's ship

An explorer who believes he's found the wreckage of Christopher Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria, off the coast of Haiti said Wednesday that the vessel has been looted and needs to be excavated.

"I think the ship needs to be excavated as quick as possible and then conserved and then displayed to the world," explorer Barry Clifford said. If the wreckage Clifford found is Columbus' ship, it would be the oldest known European shipwreck in the New World. But scientists say it's too early to make such a declaration.

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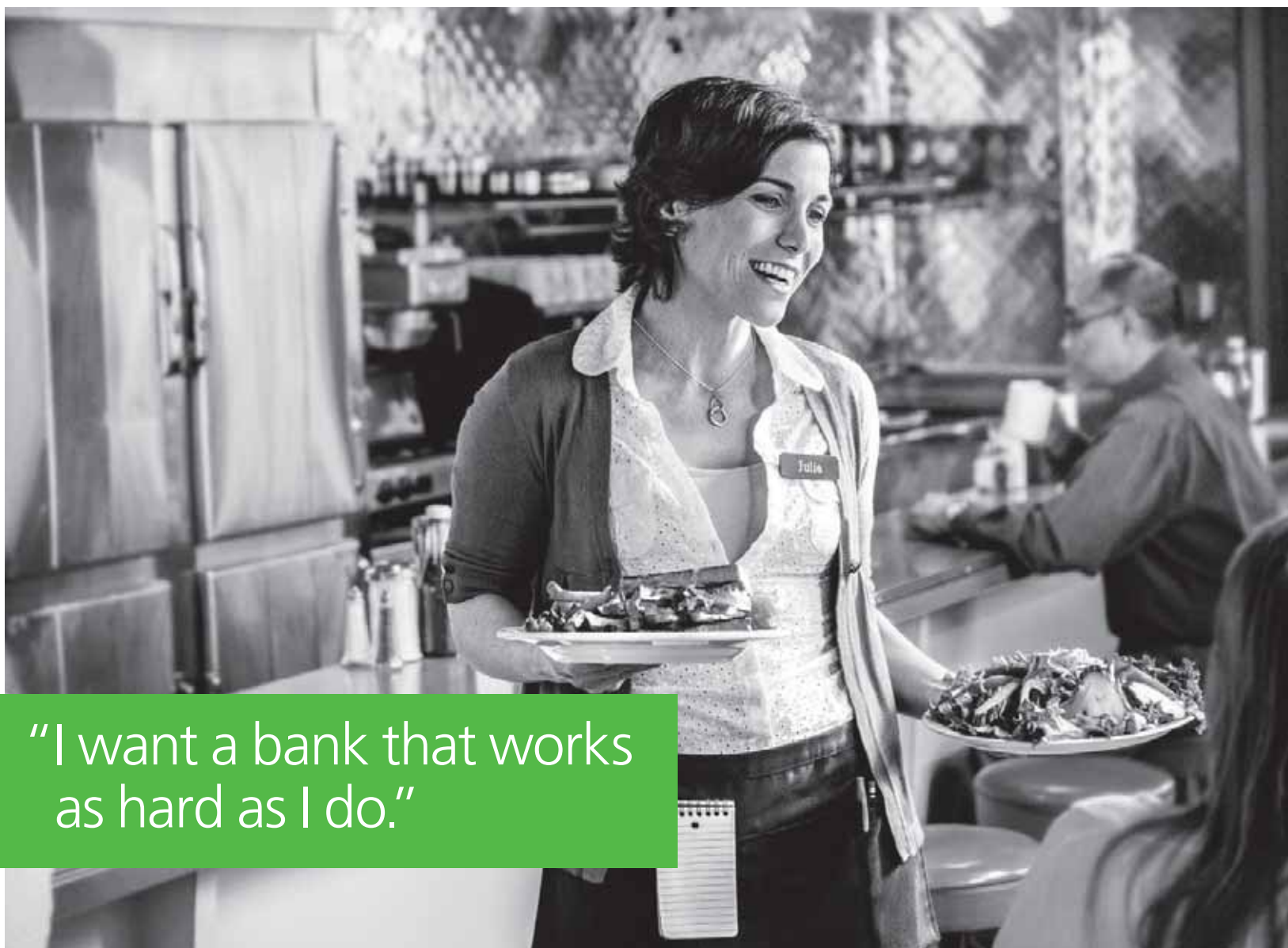
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Ukraine launches peace talks, but doesn't invite insurgents

Negotiations. 'Ready for a dialogue,' says president, but not with pro-Russia gunmen

Ukraine's government launched talks Wednesday on decentralizing power as part of a European-backed peace plan but didn't invite its main foes, the pro-Russia insurgents who have declared independence in the east.

That deliberate oversight left it unclear whether the negotiations might help cool the tensions in the east.

In his opening remarks, acting President Oleksandr Turchynov said authorities were "ready for a dialogue" but insisted they will not talk to the pro-Russia gunmen who have seized buildings and fought government troops across eastern Ukraine.

"Let's have a dialogue, let's discuss specific proposals," Turchynov said. "But those armed people who are trying to wage a war on their own country, those who are with arms in their hands trying to dictate their will, or rather the will of another country, we will use legal procedures against them and they will face justice."

Insurgents in the east shrugged off the roundtable talks as meaningless.

"We haven't received any offers to join a roundtable and dialogue," Denis Pushilin, an insurgent leader in Donetsk. "If the authorities in Kyiv want a dialogue, they must come here. If we go to Kyiv, they will arrest us."

Asked if they would be willing to take part in discussions if the round table was held in the east, Pushilin said that "talks with Kyiv authorities could only be about one thing: the recognition of the Donetsk



A Ukrainian miner at the Kalinin mine in Horiivka, Wednesday. The Ukrainian government launched talks Wednesday as part of a European-backed peace plan, but with no invitation for pro-Russian insurgents. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People's Republic."

Turchynov chaired the first in a series of roundtables with spiritual leaders, law-

makers, government figures and regional officials as part of a peace plan crafted by the Organization for Security and Co-

operation in Europe, a security group that also includes Russia and the United States.

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Political impasse

East vs. West

Oleksandr Efremov, leader of the Party of Regions in the Ukrainian parliament, the support base of ousted President Viktor Yanukovich, has called on the government to withdraw its troops from the Donetsk region.

But the Ukrainian government has said it will not stop its offensive to retake eastern cities.

On Tuesday, the Defence Ministry said six soldiers were killed and nine wounded in a rebel ambush near the city of Kramatorsk — the deadliest attack on the Ukrainian military since the offensive began last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Wildfire season heats up

A police officer turns traffic away as flames leap behind him Wednesday in Carlsbad, Calif. Flames engulfed suburban homes and shot up along canyon ridges in one of the worst of several blazes that broke out Wednesday in Southern California during a second day of a sweltering heat wave.

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11-storey fall. Toddler expected to survive

A young boy dubbed "the miracle baby" remained in critical condition but was expected to survive after falling 11 storeys from a highrise in Minneapolis, Minn.

Fifteen-month-old Musa Dayib suffered a broken spine and ribs as well as a concussion and a punctured lung. Musa's relatives believe he slipped through the balcony's railing Sunday evening.

Hennepin County Medical Center spokeswoman Christine Hill says the boy was in critical but stable condition Wednesday.

Dr. Tina Slusher of the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit said that Musa landed on a small patch of mulch.

Members of the Somali-American community say they are raising money for the family.

At a tenants' meeting Tuesday night, building owner George Sherman said maintenance staff will close off balcony doors for any tenant who asks.

Minneapolis city building inspectors say the building's balconies are up to code.

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Year 2064: Robot waiters

Today in 2064, the federal government is grappling with record unemployment levels due to leaps in artificial intelligence; a Fort McMurray restaurant has made a controversial move to hire human wait staff; and schools are under fire for a security breach in their learning modules.

Bill aims to tackle record jobless rate

Guaranteed Income Act. Parliament moves to compromise on bill that will pump money into an economy stalled by 50 per cent jobless rate



LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

A bill that would guarantee every Canadian a basic income — regardless of whether they have a job — took a step closer to fruition Wednesday, as the governing Newer Democratic Party introduced amendments to placate the Opposition.

Proposed changes include indexing the minimum income to inflation, tax credits for companies that hire human workers and stricter requirements on who can apply.

"The viability of the Canadian economy should transcend partisan bickering," NDP Leader Christina Sandberg said in a holocaust with reporters. "We're willing to meet the Neo-Conservatives halfway, but it's up to them to show Canadians they care more about the fortunes of people than robots."

The original bill was unveiled in 2063, less than three

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weeks after news broke that Canada's unemployment rate had tipped the scales at 50.3 per cent. The historic jobless numbers — driven largely by automation in the manufacturing and service sectors — sent the economy into a tailspin.

"What's the incentive for companies to make products or offer services if the majority of the population can't afford to buy them?" Bank of Canada president Tomas Grant intoned the day after the numbers were released.

The Opposition Neo-Con-

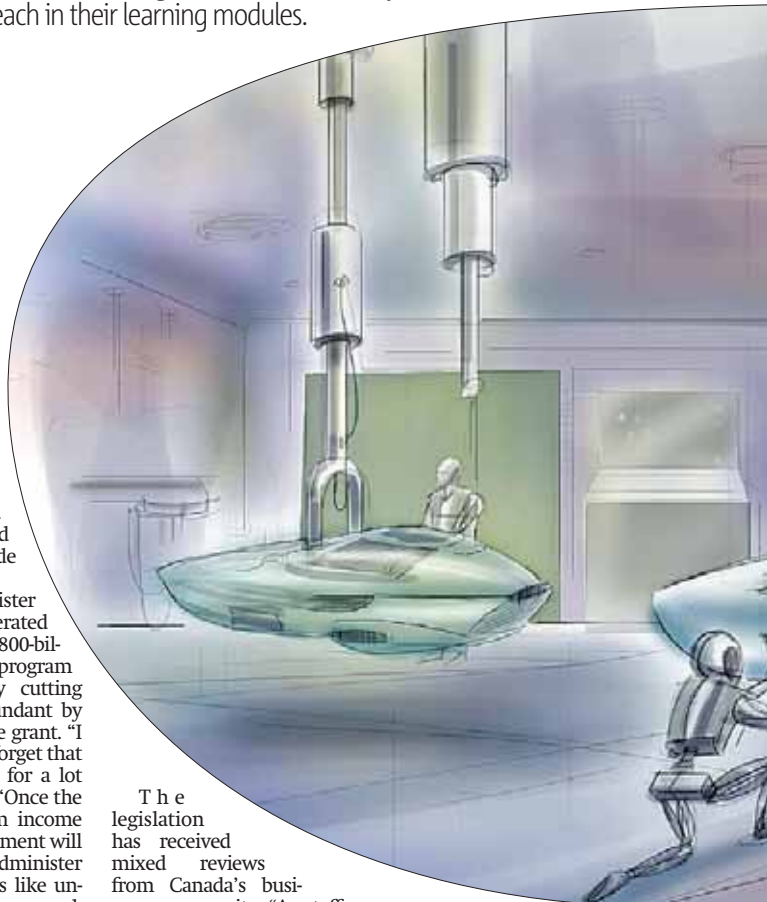
servative Party initially balked at the proposed Guaranteed Income Act, with leader Rich Wytteman calling it "a complete capitulation to socialism." However, in recent weeks there have been signs the party may have softened its stance.

Without some support from the Neo-Conservatives, the minority NDP won't have enough votes in Parliament to pass the legislation. In a bid to get the bill to second reading, the NDP introduced a watered-down version in the House Wednesday. The planned corporate tax

hike, which experts say is necessary to fund the program, has been reduced to 50 per cent from 65 per cent, and access to the program would be restricted to Canadian citizens. The NDP wanted coverage to include permanent residents.

NDP Finance Minister Brent Francis reiterated that nearly half the \$800-billion cost of the program would be found by cutting programs made redundant by the minimum income grant. "I think a lot of people forget that we're already paying for a lot of this," Francis said. "Once the guaranteed minimum income is in place, the government will no longer have to administer and pay for programs like unemployment insurance, welfare, skills training or child tax credits."

It remains to be seen whether the Neo-Conservatives will lend their support to the amended bill, or if they will provide an alternative solution to Canada's increasingly imbalanced economy. "Every day the government fails to act, more Canadian families suffer," said Kwame Johansen, an anti-poverty activist in Ottawa. "The economy has changed irrevocably, and we as a country need to change with it."



The legislation has received mixed reviews from Canada's business community. "As staffing costs have approached zero, we've seen profit margins soar in our industry," said Kevin Kelly, chair of the Canadian Restaurant Association.

"If this policy gets more people shopping and eating out, our members are confident that any losses from higher taxes will be offset by increased revenues."

"This is nothing but a tax on success," countered Chad Hanson, CEO of OfficeBot Industries, an Ontario-based company that supplies custom worker soft-

ware to the finance industry.

"Not only will this discourage companies from investing in Canada, it will discourage Canadians from getting the skills and education they need to thrive in this new economy."

Johansen called Hanson's comments "misleading."

"The era of big corporate tax cuts and incentives is over," he said. "It made sense back when these companies created jobs in Canada, but not now."

Robot redundancy. NGO voices health concerns over Alberta restaurant's decision to hire human waitstaff

An upscale eatery in Alberta is cooking up controversy by hiring human wait staff.

Tailing Ponds, a seafood restaurant in an affluent Fort McMurray neighbourhood, recently replaced its robot servers with humans in a bid to attract more clientele.

"With the invention of robo-servers, dining has become increasingly impersonal," said Frida Williams, the restaurant's owner. "We believe there's a market for fine

dining with a personalized, human touch."

Having to pay human staff is expected to double the restaurant's expenses, but Williams is confident her customers will shell out more to have their haddock served by a real person. Despite the initial capital investment in robo-servers, the cost of human servers is greater over time, Williams said.

"Our market research shows that not only do people

prefer human staff, they're also willing to pay a premium for that experience," she said.

The move has caught the attention of the Alberta Sanitation Society (ASS), a health-based NGO that sprang up in the wake of the deadly H9N1 outbreak in 2029.

Members of the group protested via holocaust outside of Tailing Ponds on Wednesday. "They may think this is a novelty, but having people

handle your food is a prime vector for disease transmission," said ASS activist Lindsey Hubler. "These diners might as well be eating their meals off of the floor."

Williams said the restaurant has complied with all municipal health bylaws, and stressed that the servers have little contact with the food.

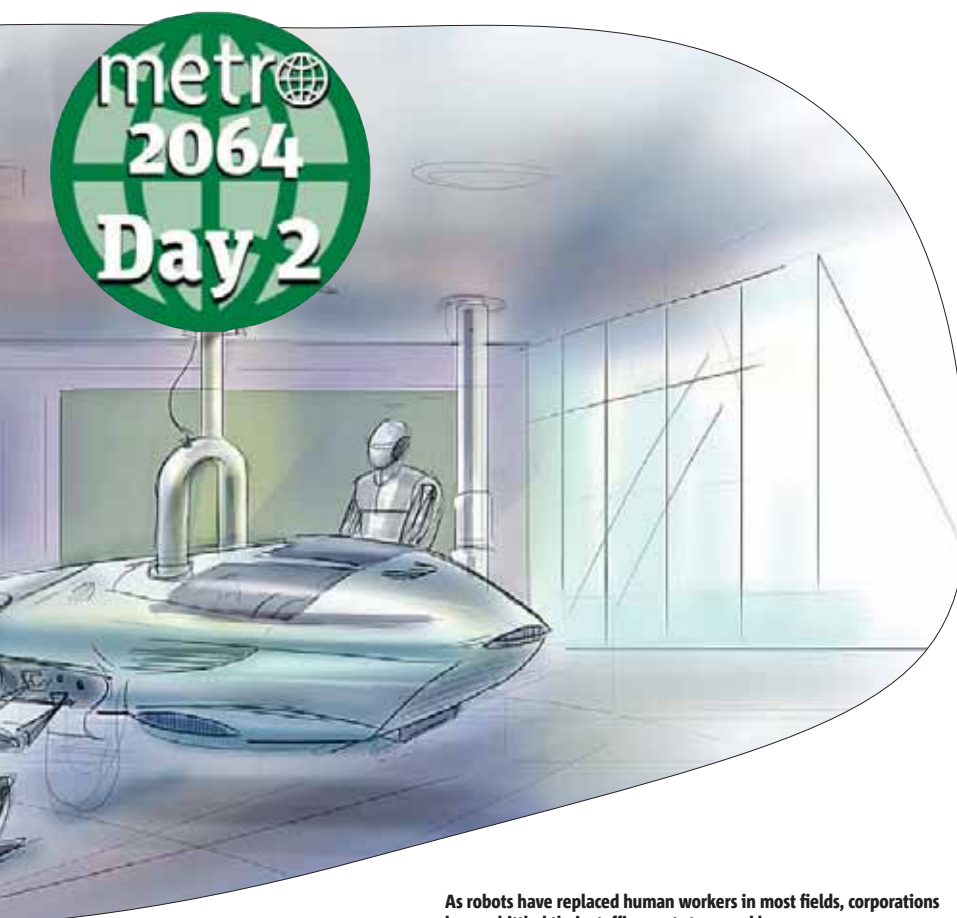
"Every meal is cooked personally by our Italian-made robot chef," she said.

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Tailing Ponds restaurant is getting rid of their robot waitstaff and replacing them with humans in a bid to attract more clientele. YURIDIGITAL.COM

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As robots have replaced human workers in most fields, corporations have whittled their staffing costs to record lows.

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LURID SEX SCENE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTRAGES PARENTS

DEENA DOUARA
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Parents are expressing outrage after it was revealed on Wednesday that hackers had broken into LemonadeStand#2, a popular children's teaching module, and added a disturbing sex scene.

"This raises real concerns. I don't even know what to tell them," said Esmerelda, who says her children had previously taken courses in the LemonadeStand#2 program.

The hacked software was discovered when an eight-year-old student attending Canopy Childminding Centre in Auckland, Australia, asked her facilitator why a young couple was naked in the LemonadeStand module. The facilitator, Madiha Osman, says she blocked the module from the system and notified education officials at 4DEdu immediately.

"I was shocked," Osman told Metro. "At least the older students will be used to seeing such things but I don't want to be the one to explain sex to the younger ones. What if the couple asked the child to join them?"



Hackers have broken into LemonadeStand#2. SHUTTERSTOCK

She says children from seven to 12 years old typically access the program developed by the private education firm, with most users being around eight or nine. The module takes anywhere from two to six months to complete and the scene in question was discovered nearly halfway through the course.

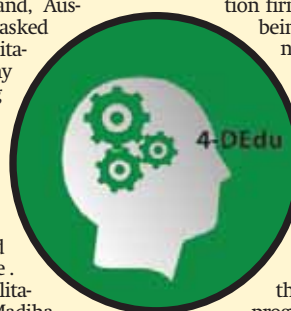
It is unclear at this point when the program was hacked, but officials told Metro they are investigating.

"We seriously doubt that this intrusion could have been inserted very long ago without any students mentioning it," said Education Canada's Deputy Minister Indira McKallie, "but we are working with 4DEdu and with police to pinpoint a timeline and safeguard against intrusions in other programs."

Parents say the response is not good enough. "What changes in security have they made since the war hacking?" said Chwinabe Okafor, head of the Urban Canadian Parents Association (UCPA). "The ministry has to be held responsible for what our children are experiencing. I wonder how they would feel if it was their kid interacting with the couple."

Police say the student was physically unharmed but they are working with 4DEdu to determine if any other children were touched or otherwise engaged with inappropriately. Counselors will also be working with the students.

LemonadeStand#2 is available in 38 countries and is a Business 1, Math 3, Reading 2, and Fitness 1 level program optimized for left-brain auditory learners, with Math and Fitness levels being adjustable.



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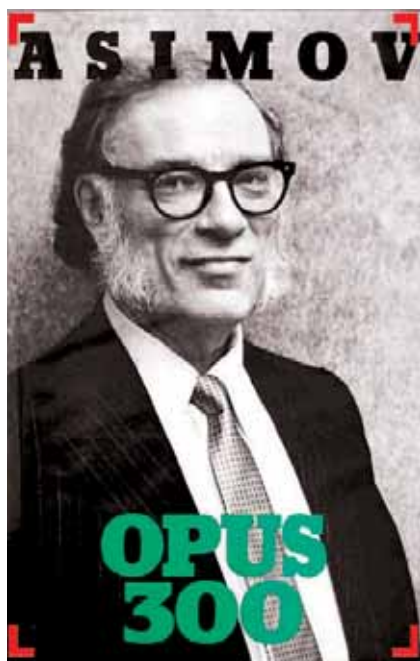
Education

Calls for oversight in wake of intrusions

A number of intrusions in the past few years have led parents to campaign for greater government oversight of 4DEdu and Sail Global, the two largest

education firms in the market. In March of last year it was discovered that operatives had hacked into a New Canadian Bank-sponsored B15M11 module that would lead students to conclude the bank was responsible for the market crash of 2018. Two years ago, three German hackers were discovered to have made a number of intrusions into three Second World War

modules, nearly erasing any mention of concentration camps. Twelve countries in Asia have long held screening laws to ensure purchased programs have been viewed and secured by an external body before reaching students. The UCPA has not yet called for such extreme measures but are working with ministry officials to find appropriate safeguards.



Isaac Asimov is considered one of the most prolific and talented science fiction writers of all time. Asimov, who died in 1992, wrote over 500 books and made sometimes eerily accurate predictions about what our future might look like. In this interview from almost 30 years ago, Asimov talks about a system of learning that uses a tool that sounds an awful lot like the Internet. See for yourself.



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Save the dolphins: EU aims to put an end to 'walls of death'

European Union.

Proposal aims to ban driftnets, known for indiscriminately catching and killing anything caught within the huge nets

The European Union's executive on Wednesday proposed to ban all use of driftnets in EU waters and on its vessels by year's end to better enforce the protection of dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna.

Driftnets stretching for miles close to the surface have often been responsible for the incidental capture and killing of thousands of marine animals that are important to the ecosystem. They were also responsible for indiscrimin-



The proposed ban on driftnets would help protect dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna. DEAN PURCELL/GETTY IMAGES

ate fishing that often resulted in huge by-catches with little commercial value.

Often they were called the "walls of death" since they

trapped and killed anything within nets that could measure dozens of kilometres.

"Fishing with driftnets destroys marine habitats, en-

dangers marine wildlife and threatens sustainable fisheries," said EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki.

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Beginning of the end. After 62 years in Canada, Sears likely to disappear

Sears is considering selling its struggling Canadian operations, a move that will likely lead to the closure of its brick-and-mortar stores in this country and make room for a new retailer to enter the market.

The U.S. parent company, owned by Sears Holdings in Chicago and controlling shareholder Edward Lampert, said Wednesday it was looking at strategic options for its 51 per cent interest in Sears Canada, including the possible sale.

While Sears Canada says it will co-operate with the Sears Holdings review and insists its Canadian stores will continue to operate as usual, observers see the move as the beginning of the end.

"I'm not sure that we're going to have the Sears brand in Canada because I'm not sure that anybody wants to



Sears is considering selling its Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

buy the operating business; it's under-invested," said Mark Satov, founder of Satov Consultants Inc. in Toronto.

"There are some people in a different age category that probably have a habit of going there and will miss it to some degree, just like people miss going to the restaurant at Zellers and having coffee all day when Zellers became Target, but (beyond that) I don't think they're relevant."

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Remember Napster? Seems everyone's moved on to Netflix

Netflix increased its share of fixed-line Internet traffic in North America in the first half of 2014, accounting for 34 per cent of data flowing to consumers during peak times, up from 32 per cent in the latter half of 2013.

That's according to a new report from Sandvine Inc., a Canadian networking services company.

Sandvine also found that file-sharing — the main tool of content piracy — had fallen to 8.3 per cent of all daily network traffic, compared to 31 per cent in 2008, as legitimate options flourished.

Sandvine for the first time identified Internet users who are likely "cord cutters," or those likely to drop traditional pay TV. They were the top 15 per cent heaviest users of streaming audio and video.

The group accounted for



Netflix eats up 34% of Internet traffic at peak times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

54 per cent of all Internet traffic, consuming on average 212 gigabytes of data per month. That would be roughly equivalent to watching 100 hours of video per month, Sandvine said.

Meanwhile, the bottom 15 per cent of streamers accounted for less than 1 per cent of all traffic, averaging under 5 GB of data per month and streaming entertainment less than 1 hour a

month.

The report comes amid public feuding between Netflix Inc. and Internet service providers about who should pay for network improvements needed to maintain quality video streams. Federal regulators are also proposing rules that could permit new fast lanes on the Internet for companies that pay for the privilege.

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Rumoured bid

Cineplex is not playing around with arcade plans

Movie exhibitor Cineplex Inc. sees a future in arcade games as it looks for ways to boost revenues beyond movie theatres.

"Gaming presents a real opportunity for Cineplex," chief executive Ellis Jacob told shareholders at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday.

The renewed focus on arcades comes after a report in the Wall Street Journal last month said that Cineplex has partnered with private equity firm Onex Corp. to submit an offer for restaurant and arcade chain Dave and Buster's, valued at \$1 billion US. Jacob declined to discuss whether Cineplex had made a bid.

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Messages

Yahoo set to take on Snapchat with Blink purchase

Yahoo is buying the mobile messaging app Blink.

Messages sent through the Blink app self-destruct after a certain amount of time. The app allows users to send texts, sketches, record audio, make videos and take photos. Facebook reportedly tried to buy its main rival Snapchat for \$3 billion US.

Blink said it will shut down both the iOS and Android versions of the app in the coming weeks before the switchover.

The move comes amid both Yahoo's continued efforts to reinvent itself and rising interest from social networking companies in mobile messaging apps.

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Long live holidays that aren't tied to anything of importance, I say. Long live Queen Vicky whispering sweet, sweet nothing in my ear from her ignored corner of history.

I know, I know. There are people out there that feel some sort of bizarre kinship to a long-dead sort of leader who kind of ruled us when our country was born, forever inspiring the Canadian people with her era's strict table manners and fear of sex.



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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In the interests of keeping the die-hard Queen fans happy, here are a few interesting true facts about Queen Victoria Day and the holiday that bears her name.

Did you know?

- * Victoria Day is named after Queen Victoria, Ruler of Barbecues, Defender of Gardening and Empress of Putting Your Boat in the Water.
- * Her real name: Robert Zimmerman.
- * Victoria was the longest-sitting U.K. sovereign, staying in her royal Barcalounger for three straight weeks while she caught up on all seven seasons of William Shakespeare's series The Henrys.

- * Winner of several wars against her French counterpart Queen Capitula.
- * Founded Victoria's Secret in 1871. The closely guarded se-

cret, held close to the chest until 2005, was that lingerie will not turn you into a buxom 20-year-old model.

* Victoria faced six assassination attempts, most of them by men who missed with pistols at close range, providing George Lucas with the real-world inspiration for the storm troopers in Star Wars.

* Almost always depicted wearing black, because it did a good job hiding the Yorkshire pudding stains.

* Despite being thought of as a historically intimidating figure, Victoria was a surprising three inches tall. Her image on postage stamps of the day is life-sized.

* Victoria Day is celebrated in other countries by looking in the general direction of Canada and shrugging.

So, yes, Queen Victoria has done many great things, and you should talk to your local plate collector or Wikipedia page moderator to learn more about them.

But to me her greatest accomplishment will always be a why-not holiday that happens just as the sun starts to spread its

ZOOM

To wear to the amethyst castle party



The Borgeze Princess Constellation stilettoes are priced at \$337,000 US. CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Designer defends diamond-encrusted stilettoes

You could walk off with heels worthy of Cinderella ... if you've got £200,000 (\$337,000 US) to spare. The Borgeze Princess Constellation stilettoes — crafted in either platinum or 18-carat gold and encrusted with

1,290 diamonds — are the world's most expensive shoes. Designer Christopher Shellis, who's been working on the stilettoes for seven years, tells Metro why the footwear that requires a mortgage is a "bargain."

The shoes are the price of a sports car or an apartment, so who are you expecting to splash the cash? Actually, I've already had an enquiry. I've been approached by some people, who won't disclose their names, asking whether I could create 100 pairs of stilettoes like this one. It's for a royal engagement.

That's ridiculous! £200,000 sounds like a lot of money but people are spending hundreds of thousands on diamond-encrusted iPhone accessories or buying £500,000-plus cars. It's a bargain, mate! (Laughs)

Do you see them as an investment piece? Yeah, I think the stilettoes are like the Damien Hirst diamond-encrusted skull. Actually they're better because they've got a practical value as well as a display value.

Does a bodyguard come with the purchase? (Laughs) The people who buy these will bring their own bodyguard. **METRO**

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The beautiful mane: Soccer, now with lions



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The thing about people that seem to have a mystical connection with lions is that there's nothing really mystical about it so long as you know your way around a cat.

Just watch sharply-dressed Lion Whisperer Kevin Richardson in action. A few chin scratches here, a head-butt there. Add a dash of flank rubs and he's earned enough feline devotion to spawn a spirited soccer match.

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Fatherhood garners giggles

Bryan Callen. The actor and comedian has added new material to his routine thanks to his role as a dad of two



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Bryan Callen is different.

The last time we spoke in 2011, he was headed to Calgary in the dead of winter. He freely admitted the decision was easy because he was “a whore for the giggle” after the host named a price he couldn’t refuse.

The comedian who cut his teeth in the business as a self-described “jackass” has credits in *The Hangover* series, *Old School*, *Sex and the City*, and *Entourage*, and is returning to Edmonton as part of his latest tour.

Perhaps part of his on-screen charm has been his ability to pull off the bad boy role.

His persona appears to operate at arm’s length so you never really know what’s coming next. Despite his success playing beautifully cringe-worthy roles, Callen is starting to take a different approach to his craft.

In addition to a successful podcast series — simply titled *The Bryan Callen Show* — that focuses on

Quoted

“When you do stand-up, you got to keep it organic. You can’t just be up there telling jokes. The audience can tell if you are trying to pull a fast one, and they don’t like being catered to.”

Bryan Callen

academic superstars and everyday heroes, Callen has added a personal twist to his comedy.

What he has discovered through fatherhood has shaped the content of his new show.

“It’s basically about my upbringing. I grew up with a typical macho, marine father,” reflects Callen.

“Now I have a son that I am trying to raise and wondering what that father figure looks like in 2014.

“Then there is my daughter, who looks to me for what masculinity should look like, and I don’t want her dating a guy like me. I got to be an adult and set an example. It sucks, man!” he says with a laugh.

He plans on sharing every awkward, authentic, and hilarious discovery with his audience.

But that doesn’t mean Callen knows what he is going to say when he gets on stage.



Comedian and actor Bryan Callen performs May 15-18 at The Comic Strip. COURTESY BRYAN CALLEN

A previous Edmonton performance had him distracted by a table of men that Callen quickly dubbed “the moustache gang.”

Remembering the incident, Callen says, “When you do stand-up, you got to

keep it organic. You can’t just be up there telling jokes. The audience can tell if you are trying to pull a fast one, and they don’t like being catered to. Just have an experience up there and invite the audience along.”

Details

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Palme d'Or jury president Jane Campion. CONTRIBUTED

Too few women? Cannes lacks female-directed entries

Gender politics flared at the opening of the 67th Cannes Film Festival Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Jane Campion railed against male domination of the movies.

"It does feel very undemocratic, and women do notice, you know," the New Zealand filmmaker said, noting that just two of the 18 films she and her fellow jury members will judge in the days ahead were directed by women.

"Time and time again we don't get our share of representation ... the guys get to eat all the cake."

Campion, the only woman in the festival's history to win the Palme — she took it for *The Piano* in 1993 — said she was told by Cannes selectors that 93 per cent of the films submitted to the fest were made by men, so there was bound to be an imbalance. She said she understands

this and doesn't resent the success of male filmmakers, "but there is something that women are thinking and doing that we don't get to know enough about."

Despite her strong feelings on this issue, Campion pledged that she and her fellow jurors will "vote with our hearts and our consciences" and not follow any political or cultural agenda. Campion's comments ironically came right after the

press screening and press conference for opening gala film *Grace of Monaco*, in which Nicole Kidman plays Grace Kelly, the actress who gave up Hollywood and found herself trapped in a male-dominated kingdom. Campion's nine-member jury tilts more female than male, with five women and four men, an international mix of actors and directors.

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Brief

Monaco royals take issue with Kidman film

It has been savaged as "shameful" before it even comes out, but filmmakers behind *Grace of Monaco* were hoping to put all that behind them Wednesday when the movie kicked off the Cannes Film Festival.

Director Olivier Dahan's *Grace of Monaco*, starring Nicole Kidman, has been embroiled in not one but two rows as the princely children of the late actress-turned-princess and powerful U.S. distributor Harvey Weinstein blast the director's version of the film.

Prince Albert II and his sisters Caroline and Stephanie insist that the film does not accurately portray events involving their mother.

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Nicole Kidman plays Princess Grace of Monaco. CONTRIBUTED

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TBS renews Conan for four more years

Team Coco will continue to play for TBS for four more years. The network says Conan O'Brien will be sticking around with his late-night hour through 2018.

Conan premiered on TBS in November 2010. It airs Monday through Thursday at 11 p.m. Eastern time.

The announcement Wednesday comes with the late-night landscape in flux at rival networks. In recent months Jimmy Fallon has taken over NBC's *Tonight Show* from Jay Leno, while David Letterman has announced his retirement next year from CBS' *Late Show*, with Stephen Colbert taking over.

Before joining TBS, O'Brien had hosted NBC's *Late Night* followed by a brief stint as star of *Tonight*.

Recently TBS announced that in 2015, O'Brien will become the first late-night host to broadcast his show from San Diego's Comic-Con.

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ABC. Network's fall schedule rich in ethnic diversity

ABC will add a new drama from *Scandal* and *Grey's Anatomy* powerhouse producer Shonda Rhimes to its schedule in the fall, giving her ownership of Thursday night on a network that's lagging behind its competitors among advertiser-favored young adults.

Rhimes' *How to Get Away With Murder*, a legal thriller starring Viola Davis, is among 12 new series that will occupy an ABC schedule that's heavy on crime dramas and rich in ethnic diversity. Rhimes is "one

of the greatest voices on television," ABC Entertainment Group president Paul Lee said Tuesday before the network presented its new schedule to advertisers.

Grey's Anatomy will move to 8 p.m. Thursday, followed by *Scandal* at 9 p.m. *How to Get Away With Murder* will close out the evening at 10 p.m. That will bolster what has been a weak 8 p.m. slot for ABC and give the new drama a strong launching pad, Lee said.

ABC and its heavily female

audience ranks third in viewership this season behind CBS and NBC, but is fourth among the 18-to-49-year-old demographic it cares most about. The network, known for its multi-ethnic casts, is adding shows focused primarily on non-white characters or with minority creators — something often missing from major broadcast networks.

The new sitcoms include *Black-ish*, starring Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross as a suburban family trying to em-

brace their African-American identity, and *Fresh Off the Boat*, about an immigrant Chinese family pursuing the American dream in the 1990s and based on chef Eddie Huang's memoir with the same title.

Cristela, another comedy, is about an ambitious law student (Cristela Alonzo) at odds with her traditional Mexican-American family.

ABC hits *Modern Family* and *Scandal* have benefited from their inclusivity, Lee said.

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Legendary music producer, composer and musician Quincy Jones, left, and singer Nikki Yanofsky.
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It's no Little Secret how Quincy Jones feels about Nikki

Collaboration.

Legendary producer says Montreal's Nikki Yanofsky blew him away with live performance

She's got it

"You know it right away if it is there and if it's not there. The first four bars, you know what's up."

Quincy Jones, on hearing Nikki Yanofsky for the first time

Music impresario Quincy Jones recalls being in his living room wearing a bathrobe and drinking a blueberry smoothie when he heard prodigious Montreal vocalist Nikki Yanofsky sing live for the first time.

It was about six years ago and Jones — producer of Michael Jackson's chart-smashing albums *Off the Wall*, *Thriller* and *Bad* — had connected with Yanofsky through a mutual friend after learning she was performing tunes by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie using his arrangements.

"It blew me away," the 27-time Grammy Award winner said in an interview in a Toronto hotel room.

"You know it right away if it is there and if it's not there. The first four bars, you know what's up."

Jones said he also knew immediately that he wanted to work with the internationally

acclaimed jazz-pop singer with the jaw-dropping vocal range and sensational scatting abilities.

And he did, first at a jazz festival in Europe, and now on her newly released album, *Little Secret*.

Jones executive produced the 12-track studio release, and it has his master touch all over it — from the slick arrangements to samples of his 1962 hit *Soul Bossa Nova* and even snippets of his speaking voice.

Fusing jazz and pop, the album is a vintage funk-soul offering with horn beats and a feel reminiscent of the works of Amy Winehouse and Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings.

At 20, Yanofsky naturally comes across on the album — and in person — as more mature than when she first gained attention as a brace-faced teen muscling her way through classics including Fitzgerald's *Air-mail Special*.

The Juno-nominated prod-

igy said she wanted to "bridge jazz with popular culture in a new way that hadn't really been done in a while. I just wanted to find a new way to bring it to my generation."

Yanofsky — who is also well known for singing *I Believe*, CTV's broadcast theme for the 2010 Winter Olympics — said she focused on melody first and lyrics second. It's advice she got from Jones during the recording process, which took place over two years in Montreal and California.

Jones said he plans to collaborate with Yanofsky again, and the two are due to tour in Europe together this summer.

"I just love being with this guy," she said, squeezing his arm.

Jones said Yanofsky is "not going to stop here, she's going to keep evolving, and that's important. Very important. You don't want to get stuck on one thing, you know. No, that's not her trip." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sandra Oh leaves her Grey's days behind

Season finale. Actor isn't sure if she'll tune in for her Grey's Anatomy departure

After 10 seasons of sobs and scrubs on Grey's Anatomy, Ottawa-raised star Sandra Oh isn't convinced she'll be able to watch her character depart from the series in Thursday's season finale.

Oh — who has endeared herself to audiences as steely perfectionist Dr. Cristina Yang on the ABC medical drama — says she hasn't really watched the series, save for the pilot when she thought: "Exciting, hey, I have a job, I'm going to watch the first episode!"

She finds it "kind of unbearable" to see herself acting, she explained with a laugh in a recent telephone interview. Plus, she gets enough satisfaction from already knowing the story lines and acting them out.

Still, Oh has considered catching her final episode, which — if a recent promo is any indication — is sure to elicit tears as it airs at 9 p.m. ET on CTV.

"Maybe I should watch it. I guess I'll watch it at home. I don't know! Dinnertime might get in the way, I don't know!" the affable actress exclaimed from Los Angeles. "I'll probably just watch it by myself here at home."

"But I feel like I want to say goodbye on my own time that's not on, like, Thursday nights at 9 o'clock, that's not on the schedule," added Oh, who won a Golden Globe for the role.

"So if ... it feels right to me, then I'll watch it. And if it doesn't, then I'll watch it in 10 years from now, or whenever it feels right."

Oh announced last August that the 10th season of Grey's would be her last, ending a tenure in which she has deftly portrayed a roller coaster of emotions in plenty of high-drama situations as keener Cris-



Sandra Oh's Dr. Cristina Yang departs from the ABC medical drama Grey's Anatomy on Thursday night. RICHARD CARTWRIGHT/ABC

tina.

She said she arrived at the decision two years ago when a friend of hers who ran Chicago's Victory Gardens Theater asked her when she was planning to leave Grey's. At that point, her contract was due to expire at the end of the 10th season and Oh said she "just could not imagine the show going more than 10 seasons."

"So I said, 'Definitely, legally all that stuff, I am done May of 2014,' and he goes, 'Fine, we're booking a play in 2014.'"

That play is Ariel Dorfman's Death and the Maiden, which runs June 13 to July 13. Oh plays a former political prisoner who thinks she recognizes the man who tormented her in a military detention centre.

"The play was starting to help me think about life

beyond or past Grey's," said the five-time Emmy nominee.

Oh said one of the greatest elements of the series has been the dynamic between Cristina and her confidante, Dr. Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo).

Oh has also loved portraying "a woman who actually knows what she wants and has not compromised her sense of being, and chose her relationship to herself before her relationship to a partner or to a child."

"I think that's a really important face to have on television, a woman being true to herself and not compromising," she said. "It's not like you don't see her compromise, because you have. But ultimately to the core of who she is, she's always been committed to herself — and that is to be a great surgeon."

But would she consider returning for a cameo on the show?

"Oh sure, if there's like a final episode," said Oh. "I mean, who knows how long this show is going to go on for. Yeah, I would love to, if they'll have me."

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Sandra Oh, actress
on her Grey's Anatomy character Dr. Cristina Yang

Now is the time to shake things up

Kevin Spacey.

Thespian becomes first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. with his new documentary

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Kevin Spacey doesn't shy away from taking big risks.

It started when he was a teenager and switched high schools — to California's Chatsworth — so he could work with two other actors he thought brilliant: Val Kilmer and Mare Winningham.

"Everybody thought I was nuts to do that. I've been f—ing nuts my whole life," he says in a recent phone interview.

He continued this peripatetic path into adulthood, moving from California to New York to study drama, then all but leaving Hollywood behind 11 years ago to run The Old Vic theatre in London. "I love being disruptive. I've been making deci-

sions like that my whole life, so it was very exciting to me," he says of the bold move.

His latest shakeup is *Now: In the Wings on a World Stage*, a documentary he funded, produced and starred in. With its release, Spacey becomes the first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. It's a savvy business move that allows Spacey more control over the project.

"I always wanted to be a good businessman as well as a good actor," he says. "I've always admired actors who were very good at business. My idol, Jack Lemon, was a very good businessman. Many people don't even know he produced *Cool Hand Luke*."

The doc follows the Bridge Project, a theatre group, as they tour the globe on a grueling 200-plus show production of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Sam Mendes is at the helm as director of the play, with Spacey playing the fated villain-hero — the very character on which his *House of Cards* President Frank Underwood is based.

"It was coincidental," he says of the occurrence of play-

ing *Richard III* and then Frank Underwood. "House of Cards was being developed before I even knew I was doing *Richard III*."

The doc gives a glimpse of what life is like as part of a travelling theatre group and the bonds that develop, peppered with some travelogue moments — like a cruise with the cast along Italy's Amalfi Coast. In it, Spacey admits that *Richard III* was the most difficult role he'd ever played. "It's the second longest role in all of Shakespeare's canon after Hamlet. When Shakespeare wrote the play, he was quite young, and he didn't use the device he used in later plays where he gave the actor breaks. In this particular play, out of 24 scenes, Richard is in 22 of them, so there's literally no time to take a breath."

Can Spacey pick a favourite moment from the tour?

"It's hard to pick out a favourite," he says. "But I suspect if I absolutely had to point at one, it would end up being the 14,000-seat amphitheatre in Greece — the Epidaurus — where we played three per-



Now: *In the Wings on a World Stage* is in theatres on Thursday and online at nowthefilm.com. CONTRIBUTED

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Cheapskates are out, frugality is in

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I'm not a cheapskate, but I sure do enjoy saving money on my purchases where and when I can.

Saving money actually drives much of my purchasing behaviour because the more money I can keep, the greater my net worth and the more options I have to do what I want with my life.

Frugal living is different from being a cheapskate. Frugal people maximize the dollars they've worked hard to earn by negotiating prices, finding deals, couponing, buying on sale, and determining the best ways to buy products and services for the lowest possible price. Sure, sometimes my friends think I'm cheap because I drive a second-hand, affordable, fuel-efficient Volkswagen; I love free events; I buy in bulk; and Kijiji is my best friend. But I disagree. I never go without. I'm simply a smart spender, and my bank account proves it.

Cheapskates, on the other hand, have a bad rap for not buying what they need, when they need it, because they are afraid to spend their money. When they do spend, they'll often buy a cheap product that doesn't last, which then creates unnecessary waste and costs more in the long term because it breaks and needs to

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hand).

And surprisingly, typical millionaire women never pay more than \$140 for a pair of shoes — and you know as well as I do that Jimmy Choos don't fall into that price bracket!

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J.K. Rowling's next trilogy to hit theatres in 2016

The first film in the trilogy inspired by J.K. Rowling's book *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* will arrive in North American theatres on Nov. 18, 2016.

Following the announcement of the project in March, producers have now given J.K. Rowling fans a date to look forward to.

The highly anticipated spin-off on the Harry Potter movies will follow the adventures of the "magizoologist" Newt Scamander, who devotes his life to the study of magical creatures. Though set in an extension of the Harry Potter universe, the new trilogy is expected to take place in New York around 70 years before the young wizard's birth.

The three films in the *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* spin-off will be loosely adapted from the 54-page book of the same name, which Rowling published in 2001. **AFP**

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Death. Searching for Sugar Man director commits suicide after battle with depression

Malik Bendjelloul, director of the acclaimed *Searching for Sugar Man* documentary, was widely known for his enthusiasm, kindness and high spirits — so the news Wednesday that he had taken his own life shocked colleagues around the world.

Bendjelloul's brother Johar Bendjelloul told Swedish daily *Aftonbladet* that his 36-year-old brother committed suicide Tuesday after

struggling with depression for a short period. "Life is not always simple," Johar Bendjelloul said, adding that receiving the message that his brother had committed suicide was the worst thing he had ever experienced.

"I don't know how to handle it. I don't know," he said.

Bendjelloul rose to international fame in 2013 when his debut feature film,

Searching for Sugar Man, won an Oscar for best documentary. The film tells the story of how Detroit-based singer-songwriter Sixto Rodriguez, who had flopped in the United States, became a superstar in apartheid-era South Africa without knowing about it.

British film producer Simon Chinn, who produced *Searching for Sugar Man* together with Bend-

jelloul, said he was shocked and deeply saddened by the news of his friend's passing.

"It seems so unbelievable," Chinn told *The Associated Press* over the telephone.

"I saw him two weeks ago in London. He was so full of life, hope and optimism and happiness, and looking forward to the future and future collaborations."

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Nicole Kidman ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The highs and lows of being Nicole Kidman

Nicole Kidman has never made the choice that Grace Kelly did — quitting acting to begin another life as Princess of Monaco. But she's rarely found equilibrium in her career and personal life. "When I won the Oscar, I went home and I didn't have (love) in my life," said Kidman, who won best actress in 2003, two years after she and Tom Cruise divorced. "That was the most intensely lonely experience in my life."

Kidman stars as Kelly

in *Grace of Monaco*, which premiered Wednesday as the opener of the Cannes Film Festival. "Strangely for me, the greatest highs have coincided with the greatest lows," said Kidman. "So (during) my professional highs a lot of times I've had personal lows and they've collided. That's always aggravated me that it's gone that way. I'm hoping one day I can have a professional high and a personal high."

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With this paintball, I thee wed? Angelina and Brad let kids plan their wedding

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt might be regretting their choice of wedding planners. The *Maleficent* star tells *People* magazine that they've been allowing their six kids to have some input on how best to tie the knot. "We are discussing it with the children and how they imagine it might be, which is verging on hysterical, how kids envision a wedding," Jolie says. "They will, in a way, be the wedding planners. It's going



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

to be Disney or paintball — one or the other."

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Jay Z shops with 100th problem Solange

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

In perhaps an unspoken message to let us know that we will never, ever, ever know what is up with the Knowles-Z clan, Jay Z and Solange Knowles calmly shopped for jewelry together in Manhattan on Tuesday, just days after Solange attacked Jay Z in an elevator after the Met Gala.

The rap mogul and his 100th problem were spotted at Mr. Flawless, a high end jewelry store, according to TMZ. The pair browsed women's jewelry for about

20 minutes, mostly separately. They spoke little to each other and left without buying anything.

It would take remarkable self-possession to calmly go on a shopping trip with someone who tried to put a stiletto heel through your eye just days earlier. Maybe Jay Z just wants his peaceful home life back, so he's trying to forge a truce. Or maybe they're both trying to get back in Beyoncé's good graces with a sparkly peace offering. Or maybe it's Blue Ivy who's pulling all the strings here, and they have to bring her diamond-encrusted baby rattles or else.

Jay Z isn't the only one who's trying to publicly reinforce his relationship with Solange: Beyoncé has filled her Instagram with pictures of the sisters hanging out in happier times.

Beauty and a rap sheet: Biebs accused of briefly swiping woman's phone

Justin Bieber is developing quite the weird little rap sheet. The pop star has been accused of graffiti, vandalism, getting his bodyguards to beat up a guy, and now, very short theft.

Bieber was at Sherman Oaks Castle Park, a sports complex, when he and his entourage reportedly got into an altercation with a group of men by the batting cages. According to TMZ, a woman claims that during the altercation, Bieber saw her take out her cellphone and came over to confront her about whether she'd taken pictures. The woman says that when she refused to show him her phone, Bieber reached into her purse and took it.

The two wrestled for the phone and Justin tore it out of her hand, but couldn't see her photo stream because the phone was locked, she told police. Bieber gave the phone back and insisted that she erase the photos. After she unlocked the phone and showed him she'd never taken any in the first place,



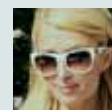
Justin Bieber

Bieber finally left her alone, she said.

The unnamed woman filed a criminal complaint. The LAPD confirmed to CNN that Justin has been accused of attempted robbery. However, no charges have been filed.

Poor old Bieber can't win. When he tries to cover up one potential scandal he ends up embroiled in another. Maybe he should buy a private island. Seems like the best solution for all of us if he just isolates himself in Biebervania. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Just landed in Nice. Hopefully the airline hasn't lost any of my luggage. Everytime I have landed here half my luggage is missing!



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As the weather starts to warm up, it's natural to experience a little more spring in your step.

You might be excited to shed those socks and boots, but before you start strutting around town in strappy sandals and peep-toes, you'll want to be sure to start the season off on the right foot, says essie Canada's lead nail artist, Rita Remark.

"Because they are out in the open, our feet tend to have more issues like dryness, cracking and chipping when the weather is warm," says Remark.

With that in mind, she says treating the skin on your feet the same way you would the rest of your body is important: exfoliate where necessary and moisturize.

"Use the coarse side of a double sided pedicure file to remove any calluses or rough skin, then use the finer side to soften them," she says. "After this step, it's good practice to moisturize because it allows for better product absorption and a longer lasting softness."

She adds that you'll want to apply sunscreen before stepping out into the sun —



This little piggy definitely went to the spa. iStock

Fear by the foot

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy, red nail."

Daniel Francoeur
Owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men
on changing the male mind about foot care

unless you want sandal tan lines, of course.

And naturally, a layer of polish will kick up any spring outfit an extra notch.

Revlon Canada's nail ex-

pert, Leeanne Colley recommends gravitating towards bright colours this season, as they work with every skin tone and are a great way of working the colour-blocking trend into your look from all angles.

When it comes to the question of whether bright toenails is a polished enough look for work, Colley says it all comes down to maintenance.

"As long as they are chip-free, short and remain glossy," says Colley of your professional pedicure. "If



Colours of the season

Rita Remark's recommendations for this season are essie's cobalt aqua (strut your stuff), soft lavender (French affair) and bright sunny orange (roarrange).

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not? Skip the open toe until you (clean them up)."

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your feet shouldn't just be a female concern.

Most men might think of spa treatments as a luxury, but oftentimes they ignore real health concerns when it comes to their feet.

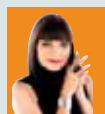
Daniel Francoeur, the owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men, with locations in both Ottawa and Toronto, says that men often suffer in silence with foot problems like warts, corns and fungus or ingrown nails.

One of his clients, a senior, had been having trouble walking because his toenails were turning down. With a little attention, his problem has been solved, he's more mobile, and he's lost 25 pounds.

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy red nail," says Francoeur.

"Men often don't consider their feet important, but once they realize what can be done with them, it's almost always the first service we'll see them rebooking."

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Tiffany's bracelet, Ganni 'Je T'aime' shirt

What she's wearing:
"My inspiration usually comes from all things Boho Chic, Edgy Glam and my fashion idol is everything Rachel Zoe."

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Sweet potatoes star in healthy veg quesadillas

Cookbook of the Week

Do it like the pros



Grilling can be light and healthy, but still delicious. Fresh Grilling by Better Homes and Gardens shows you how to do it right.

The book offers up 200 recipes and 100 photos in which vegetables and fruits shine — as crunchy toppings for burgers, bright sauces and marinades for meat, chicken and fish; heaping platters of grilled veg; grilled salads and pizzas; and more.

Find your grilling inspiration through recipes such as Primo Pesto Pizza, Turkey Burgers with Peaches and Blueberries, Steak and Herb Tacos, Grilled Berry Crumble and more. **METRO**

Grilling Week.

Vegetarians, fire up the barbecue. This recipe in our series leading up to May Long Weekend is just for you.

"The flavour and nutritional content of sweet potatoes spurs cooks to find surprising ways to work them into all kinds of dishes," write the editors of Better Homes and Gardens in the book Fresh Grilling.

"Here, they help fill super-healthy quesadillas packed with jack cheese, navy beans, and baby spinach."

1. In a bowl combine beans, 1/4 cup of the cilantro, lime juice, jalapeño, and chili powder; set aside. For cucumber relish, in a small bowl combine cucumber, radishes and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro; set aside.

2. In a medium saucepan cook sweet potatoes, covered, in lightly salted boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender; drain well. Return potatoes to saucepan and coarsely mash; stir in cumin.

3. Spread mashed sweet potatoes over half of each tortilla. Top each with beans, spinach, green onions, and cheese. Fold each tortilla in half over the filling, pressing firmly.

4. For a charcoal or gas grill, place quesadillas directly on the grill rack over medium heat. Cover and grill for 4 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling. To serve, cut quesadillas into wedges and pass cucumber relish and, if desired, Greek yogurt sprinkled with paprika.

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Ingredients

- 1 15- to 16-oz can navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 5 tbsp snipped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 small fresh jalapeño chili pepper, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground ancho chili powder
- 1/2 cucumber, quartered and sliced
- 3 to 4 medium radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- 12 oz sweet potato, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 4 10-inch whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped baby spinach
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (3 oz)
- Plain Greek yogurt and paprika (optional)



This recipe for Sweet Potato Quesadillas with Cucumber Relish serves four. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

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As to the canner's garden born

Put 'em up. Follow these guidelines for an ideal crop yield of produce to preserve

A canner's garden is not your typical vegetable patch. With its full-scale production, distinctive varieties and four-season harvests, it's more for the future than the moment.

"Canner's gardens aren't really so different in what they grow. Where they're really different is in how much they grow," said Daniel Gasteiger, author of *Yes You Can! And Freeze and Dry It, Too* (Cool Springs Press, 2011).

"Do some serious planning," said Gasteiger, of Lewisburg, Pa. "How often do I serve corn? How often do I

serve broccoli? Then consider how often you'll use it in the form you'll use to preserve it. I use broccoli much more often fresh than I do frozen."

"The smaller your space, the more important it is to use succession gardening," Gasteiger said. That means planting a second crop in the same space after the first one is harvested. Shop for short-season varieties if planting successive crops.

Also, choose cultivars carefully. Some are better than others for canning, freezing or dehydrating.

"If you're going to plant to preserve, you'll probably want the highest density (yielding) producers you can get," Gasteiger said. "Canning tomatoes are typically much firmer and less flavourful than slicing tomatoes, but better (for canning) because

they hold together when cooked."

How long do canned foods last?

"If the food was canned safely, it should remain safe indefinitely. No pathogens should grow on them," said Jeanne Brandt, a professor and Master Food Preserver coordinator with Oregon State University. That program trains and certifies volunteers who help county extension staff provide food safety and preservation information.

"Try not to preserve more than you can consume in a year or two, though, because the quality deteriorates," Brandt said. "It breaks down in the jar. It toughens. The colour also changes dramatically."

Kimberly Culbertson of Hillsboro, Oregon, is a Master Gardener who later earned a Master Food Preserver certificate.

"I got into preserving in part because it's a step up from gardening," she said. "I used to be in a rush to give away any surplus fresh vegetables before they'd spoil. Now, as canned, I can share them throughout the year."

She also recommends freezing, pickling and dehydrating as a way of preserving different food groups and offering up different flavours.

"I individually quick-freeze fresh fruit, then package it for the deep freeze so I can portion it out for cooking and snacking," she said. "Dried fruits concentrate flavours and sweetness and add another dimension to cooking."

"I pickle peppers and they can easily," Culbertson said. "Tomatoes bring back summer every time I open a jar."

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Put one's orchard in: Pears can be dried, which concentrates their flavours and sweetness. Add more variety to the family table by including fruit in your canning, freezing or dehydrating mix. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Garden growth chart

The biggest challenge facing food preservationists tends to be determining how much to grow.

The Louisiana State University AgCenter has created a vegetable production chart for expected crop yields per 100-foot rows of:

- Lima beans (Bush): 1 bushel shelled or 32 pounds
- Beets: 100 pounds
- Cabbage: 85 heads
- Corn: 120 ears
- Pepper (Bell): 125 pounds
- Squash (Winter): 150 pounds
- Cucumbers: 170 pounds

- Strawberries: 170 pounds

- Tomatoes (Slicers): 250 pounds



If you only have a 50-foot row of a crop, cut the posted yield in half, LSU says.

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Many would agree with naturalist David Attenborough that nature “is the greatest source of visual beauty.” And that includes the creepy crawlies: From snakes’ skins to the intricate physiology of the smallest bug, we can’t help but be impressed by the beauty of creatures that buzz, flit and slither. Artists and designers have long used insects, reptiles and other small animals as inspiration. Let’s grab our nets and catch a few of the most intriguing recent examples

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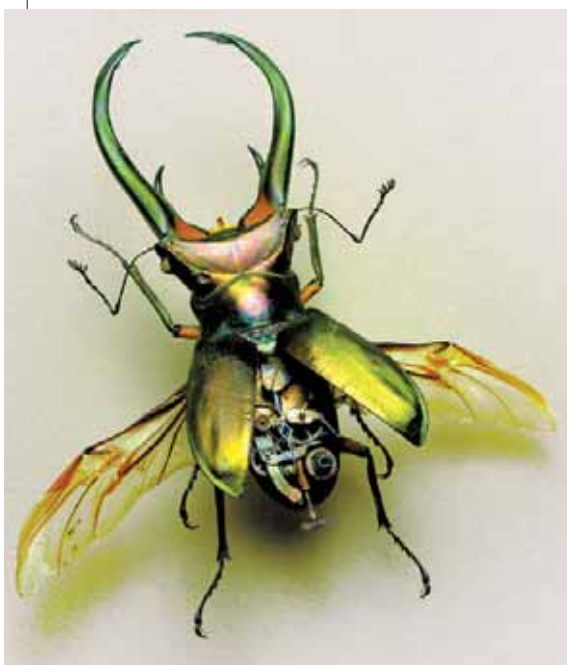
Captivating creepy crawlies



3 Snakes by Christopher Marley incorporates elements of nature into contemporary art pieces. A single creature like a snake becomes an intriguing herpetological sculpture. [PHEROMONEDESIGN.COM](http://pheromonedesign.com)/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steampunk beetles, bees and bugs

Sculptor Mike Libby once found a dead beetle and got to thinking about how it had moved. He began dissecting and experimenting — at the same time taking apart an old wristwatch, and using those pieces — until he’d come up with the first of an ongoing collection of fantastical steampunk arachnids, bees and other creepy crawlies. He uses real insect carcasses and bits from watches, vintage typewriters and old sewing machines to fashion carapaces, wings, antennae and pincers for his mechanical menagerie. (insectlabstudio.com)



Inspired by science fiction and science fact, Insectlab.com customizes preserved insect specimens, such as this staghorn beetle, with antique watch parts and mechanical components. [INSECT LAB](http://insectlab.com)/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nature — it’s a classic

“In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous.” Aristotle



I know a guy
whose sister has an ex-boyfriend...

Cut to the chase on page 39.

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A slither of snakes

New York artist George Venson creates birds, snakes and octopuses in vibrant, painterly hues, and then arranges the images on wallpaper. He wants the walls to “come alive,” and there’s a sense of movement in each design. Snakes slither through backgrounds of ink, acid green or ruby. (voutsa.com)



New York-based artist George Venson’s illustrated images create dynamic wallpapers. Snakes slither in several directions, yet there’s a symmetry and elegance that brings the imagery into a more decorative format. [VOUTSA.COM](http://voutsa.com)/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The artful specimen

In his Pheromone series, artist and designer Christopher Marley of Salem, Ore., marries his passion for crisp design with a fascination for insects, sea organisms and birds by arranging them simply yet artfully on plain backgrounds in shadow boxes. A stripey mountain kingsnake seems poised to meander north of the frame in which he resides. A prion urchin looks like a tiny alien spacecraft, sprung from the confines of the ocean floor. Dozens of beetles are arranged like the iridescent squadron of an entomological army. Butterflies form kaleidoscopic prisms.

The displays are an arresting mix of science and art. The specimens, which died of natural or incidental causes, come from museums, breeders and zoos around the world, Marley says.

“Sharing the thrill of discovery is one of the most driving aspects of my work.” (pheromonedesign.com)



A kaleidoscopic prism of butterflies and beetles. [PHEROMONEDESIGN.COM](http://pheromonedesign.com)/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Open-air kitchen and kaboodle

Eat outside in style.
Combine the pretty
and the practical
when dining al fresco

For years, it was enough to park a barbecue grill next to a picnic table on a patio and call it an “outdoor kitchen.” But over the past decade, North Americans have taken backyard cooking and dining to a new level, adding elaborate cooking islands, outdoor sinks and refrigerators, even outdoor TVs.

Unless you have a really tall fence, this is the one “room” in your house that neighbours will see whether you invite them to or not, notes designer Sarah Fishburne, director of trend and design for The Home Depot. That inspires many homeowners to pay extra attention to their outdoor entertaining area.

Many of us also love the appeal of cooking and entertaining in a space that’s relatively indestructible, says designer Jeff Blunkosky, owner of Pittsburgh Stone and Waterscapes.

“If kids spill cake or Kool-Aid on your patio,” he says, “you just pull out your hose and hose it off.”

Here are some thoughts from Flynn, Blunkosky and Los Angeles-based designer Brian Patrick Flynn, creator of the design blog Flynnside-Out.com, about the elements that make a useful, beautiful outdoor kitchen without huge expense.

Build an island

About a decade ago, Blunkosky says, many homeowners began feeling that “a stand-alone grill just kind of standing there” didn’t look that great in their backyards. Plus, it provided little workspace for prepping food. The answer was to build around it, incorporating the grill into a stone base with a countertop and drawers underneath — pretty and practical.

Costs vary around the country, but these designers say an investment of \$3,000 to \$5,000 US will cover a simple, six-foot-long cooking island with a basic grill embedded in it and a two-foot-

deep countertop area. The countertop serves as cooking prep space, and usually extends out so that bar stools can be pulled up underneath to create a bar area for guests.

To turn a cooking island into a full-service kitchen, add a refrigerator, sink and ice maker, plus more storage drawers. That involves running a water line and power line out to the structure, so costs rise. So does the time the project takes, says Blunkosky: Designing and installing an elaborate cooking island surrounded by paving stones can take as long as putting an addition on your house.

Bring the heat

As people spend more on their outdoor kitchens, they want to use them for as much of the year as possible.

Fireplaces, fire pits and heaters, either freestanding or wall-mounted, are good ways to extend the season for your outdoor kitchen. Outdoor pizza ovens have become popular, too. And grills have come a long way since the days when we poured lighter fluid on a pile of coals.

Fishburne says the new generation of outdoor cooks wants more than steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs. “They’re thinking about Korean barbecue,” she says, or asking, “How can I make breakfast outside?”

The new Spirit Grill from Weber has “seven interchangeable grates,” she says, including a pizza stone, pancake maker and poultry rotisserie attachment. Some buyers use it to make three meals a day outside, she says. Prices begin between \$299 and \$399 US, but many of the attachments are sold separately.

Grill quality is important, Blunkosky says, especially in areas with harsh weather. But if you’re trying to be strategic with money, Flynn points out that even a nice grill and other outdoor appliances might need to be replaced within five years. He recommends investing more in the permanent things (a higher-end cooking island or paving stones) rather than a hugely expensive grill.

Frame the space

Outdoor draperies can add



Use mobile carts as bars or buffets when space is tight.



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whose friend has a teammate...

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privacy, inject colour and pattern, and set off your dining area as a distinct space, Flynn says. They also can make a small patio feel larger, he says: If you hang curtains that are seven or eight feet high, “you will emphasize the height of the space rather than emphasizing how small the footprint is.”

Pergolas achieve the same effect, and used together, the two elements can create a dining area that feels luxurious, at minimal expense.

A pergola also gives you more options for built-in lighting. A chandelier or hanging pendant light over the dining table can make your outdoor space feel like a true dining room, and there are many designed for outdoor use. Outdoor sconces can be hung on the pergola’s posts.

Ace accessories

Consider which splurges would serve you best: Extra electrical outlets? An outdoor

icemaker or small refrigerator? Maybe an outdoor TV?

As for tables and chairs, Fishburne says there are many options. Some clients, she says, invest in high-end brands with a reputation for lasting a decade or more.

Brown Jordan, for instance, offers a 15-year warranty on the frames of their furniture, and Fishburne has “heard stories about people who have had Brown Jordan in their families for generations.”

If you have a relatively small outdoor space, Flynn suggests looking for modular furniture pieces. Some outdoor sofas, he says, can be easily broken down into smaller sections that can be used as table seating.

He also suggests adding a mobile bar cart to serve as a cocktail station or as a spot for serving dishes. It brings a bit of indoor style, and can easily be brought inside during bad weather.

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A pergola keeps outdoor spaces cool and shaded from the sun.

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Weather-resistant drapery adds privacy to a cosy, casual outdoor dining space.

“(Outdoor cooks are) thinking about Korean barbecue, or ‘How can I make breakfast outside?’”

Designer Sarah Fishburne

More than steaks & burgers

Stone carves out a decorating niche with natural slate, marble, travertine

On the rocks. Stone's versatility gets a boost through tiles, veneers and accent pieces

Once a luxury product in home design, natural stone like marble has become common in many kitchens and bathrooms.

Marble has been used for many years in kitchens and bathrooms for countertops, backsplashes and shower and bathtub surrounds, but Kyla Bidgood says many homeowners are finding new ways to introduce marble, slate and other natural stone into their homes.

"I just purchased a lamp for a client and it is a small almost cube-shaped box made of marble with an Edison bulb in it," says the Victoria-based interior designer. "It is just a great way to add natural stone to a living room

space without doing a full covering."

Creating the look of ledge stone and brick in a new home is time consuming and hard on a budget, but Bidgood says homeowners can create the impact of those materials by using a product that can be installed like tile.

"The veneer is not the full depth of a ledge stone or brick; it's only a couple of inches deep," she says. "But when it is installed, you wouldn't know the differ-

Count your marbles

The expense of using a full slab of stone like marble has often deterred homeowners from including it in their decor, but Victoria-based interior designer Kyla Bidgood says there are cost-effective options to make it accessible for a variety of designs.

ence. You wouldn't know it's not actually ledge stone, and it is stone, just not the whole piece."

Jason Kasper, principal at Winnipeg's Ideate Design Consulting, says one of the hottest natural stones on the market is travertine.

The form of limestone deposited by mineral springs can be used in a variety of applications, from kitchen counters to shower surrounds, as long as it's properly installed and sealed. The naturally formed voids in the stone must be filled,

Kasper says.

He notes that many clients will approach him with a product in mind for a space, but he cautions they need to think of how it will be used.

"The biggest advice we give to clients is not to limit themselves to the products they use, but to be knowledgeable and know how to treat those products," he says.

"You wouldn't put cake frosting in a shower stall, and the same applies for many products. Some are more robust than others."

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...who knows a guy who grew up with a woman who has a grandma...

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Robust a move

"You wouldn't put cake frosting in a shower stall, and the same applies for many (stone) products. Some are more robust than others."

Jason Kasper, Ideate Design Consulting



A natural stone countertop. KYLA BIDGOOD/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



A natural stone backsplash. KYLA BIDGOOD/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Up against the wall

When a homeowner chooses to use marble as a wallcovering they have to purchase a whole slab and then have it professionally cut to fit the space.

- To install traditional marble on curved or even small awkward spaces is often challenging, but Bidgood says there is a solution that is similar to wallpaper.
- "It is essentially stone, but it is applied like wallpaper," she says. "You aren't dealing with the whole slab so it's much more cost effective and much lighter weight."
- "The great thing with that is you can apply it to curved surfaces like columns or other architectural details. It is easy to cut and you could put it on a ceiling if you wanted to."

Mix and match patterns like a pro

Mix it up in style. Follow these rules to create the perfect combination of patterns in a room



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Every well-decorated room should have some sort of pattern, whether it's featured on fabrics, rugs, wallpaper or accessories. Even wood floors and furnishings have patterns to consider when designing a space.

Patterns help to bring a room to life with movement,

shape and colour. An untrained eye may never recognize the thought process that goes into creating a well-balanced room, but not incorporating pattern into your decor scheme can lead to a plain, boring room.

Here are the ABC's of incorporating pattern into your own space:

Mixing patterns

- Every room needs a straight-lined pattern (such as stripes, plaids or graphics) and a curvy-line fabric (such as floral, paisley or polka dots).
- Using two or more of a similar pattern (such as floral) rarely works unless the size of those patterns is distinctly different.
- Solid (non-patterned) fabrics



Textured solids, checks, stripes and floral patterns can work together using a similar colour palette. THOMASVILLE



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can help relieve the eye of too much visual movement but can sometimes look plain if they are not textured.

Pattern shapes

- Curvy or rounded patterns tend to imply a traditional or feminine look whereas straight-lined patterns imply a masculine or modern look.
- When mixing straight and curvy patterns, incorporate 70 per cent of your favourite look and 30 per cent of the other for a perfect balance; never 50/50.
- Wood has grain and that should be considered a pattern when decorating. Oak and walnut have curvy lines and zebra wood has straight lines.

Scale

- Put the biggest pattern on the biggest piece — that's the proper way to choose the size of a pattern.

- For impact, add an oversized print on a tiny item like a pillow.
- When choosing wallpaper, the bigger the print, the fuller the room will look. This is a great way to visually fill a space where a lot of furniture is not needed, such as stairwells, foyers and powder rooms.

Colour

- Various patterns can work together as long as they all share the same colourway.
- The third most obvious colour in the room's main print is the colour to paint the walls of that room.
- Decorating a room with just one colour, creates a monochromatic colour scheme. Add textured fabrics and rugs to fill the eye's need for pattern.

You could cask for more

DIY. Give an old barrel new life as a bar, a coffee table or a pet bed

Like a good wine, wood barrels get better with age. While the wood ages they collect stains from wine, whisky, or other spirits, and take on more character. Wood barrels are rustic, immediately recognizable, and have become highly sought out among DIYers for resourceful projects like these.

Coffee table

Create a remarkable piece of furniture and an even better conversation piece with a wood barrel coffee table.

First, lay the barrel on its side and cut it in half horizontally. To create a broad base for the table top to rest, screw boards around the frame of the cut. Measure the outside of this frame and use the measurements to create a lid with the same dimensions. Once complete, install the top with chest hinges to make the perfect hiding spots for blankets, firewood, or kid and pet toys. To keep the barrel stable, it will also be necessary to create a cradle that matches the curve of the barrel.

Bar table with hidden storage

Keep the good times roll-



ing by repurposing a barrel into a sophisticated bar table for hosting wine and cheese parties. Stand the barrel upright and cut a rectangular door from the top of the barrel to the bottom. Before attaching the hinges,

install a stained wood shelf in the middle to hold wine bottles and glasses. Once the hinges and a door handle are installed, complete the look with a glass or wood counter-top to serve cheese pairings.

Pet bed

The bottom quarter of barrels can serve as comfortable pet beds and are strong enough to hold up to even the toughest pets. After cutting the barrel all the way around, cut a dip on one side to make it easier for the pet to enter and exit. Make sure to sand down the barrel to eliminate any sharp edges. Paint

or stain to match your pet's personality or the room's decor and add a round pillow or a blanket to the bottom.



Bright paint turns a wood barrel into a colourful casual table. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

Rehab Addict

For more ideas on giving something old a second chance, join Nicole Curtis on Rehab Addict, Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on DIY Network Canada.

Bathroom bars grab all the attention as fabulous accents

Sleek and safe. Don't give grab bars the slip; modern designs are funky and functional

The renovation of the master bathroom in a new house turned out beautifully, with a frameless glass shower and handmade ceramic tile accents. The elderly owner didn't want to make it look institutional with a grab bar.

He needn't have worried. Many of today's grab bars are cleverly disguised, looking instead like sleek soap dishes, functional shampoo trays, trendy towel racks and even toilet paper holders.

Take for instance the corner shelf from American Standard's Invisia line. It looks like nothing more than a solid white tray set inside a tubular frame. But that tube, available in brushed stainless or chrome, functions as a grab bar and can support up to 500 pounds.

Want fun and style?

Best Bath Systems has a series of acrylic towel bars with hidden mounts that come in more than two dozen colours, some opaque, some

translucent, some with embedded stones and some that even glow in the dark.

Or for a spa feel, they make a teak grab bar that comes in six different lengths, from 10 inches to 42 inches. Mounting hardware is available in a choice of five finishes.

"We realized there were a lot of people who wanted an attractive option for safety, and who didn't want to be reminded of their disabilities first thing in the morning and last thing at night," said Abbie Sladick, 53, of Naples, Florida, a certified contractor and remodeler who created the GreatGrabz line. It was purchased by Best Bath Systems last year for an undisclosed amount.

Wondering what having a grab bar in the bathroom might do to the eventual resale value of a house?

Turns out, it might just help it.

A 2012 survey found that about half of those ages 55 to 64 thought that bathroom aids, such as grab bars and shower seating, were "essential" or "desirable." That rose to nearly two-thirds among those age 65 and older. Even in the younger age groups,

Fall injuries by the numbers

80%

Falls accounted for more than 80 per cent of the injuries among the nearly 22 million people over the age of 15 who went to the hospital because of a bathroom injury in 2008. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

about a third of those surveyed agreed.

The National Association

of Home Builders' online survey of more than 3,860 respondents included only those who had purchased a house in the past three years or were planning on doing so in the next three years. In other words, people who were "really thinking" about what they wanted in a home, said Stephen Melman, NAHB's director of economic services.

Statistics show that while people 85 and older are the most likely to slip and fall,

no age group is immune.

Nearly 22 million people over the age of 15 went to the hospital because of a bathroom injury in 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Falls accounted for more than 80

per cent of the injuries.

Although 85 per cent of those taken to a hospital were treated and released, the injuries still resulted in approximately \$67.3 billion in lifetime medical costs, the CDC said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Put safety in a corner: An Invisia corner shelf looks like nothing more than a solid white tray set inside a tubular frame. But that tube, available in brushed stainless or chrome, functions as a grab bar and can support up to 500 pounds. **AMERICAN STANDARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Some things to think about when choosing a grab bar



- Consider the weight of the people who will be using it. Some bars are rated to support up to 250 pounds, the amount required to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Others support up to 500 pounds.

- Compare prices and quality. The Invisia shampoo shelf retails for about \$285 online, depending on the finish, while one made by Moen is available at Home Depot for about \$40.

- Be aware of how it will be

mounted. If you haven't reinforced the back of your shower or tub with plywood, you'll likely need a bar with 16-inch offsets, or multiples thereof, to secure it properly.

- Many people think of grab bars for the shower and bathtub, but consider putting one near the toilet, too. The 10-inch bars from Best Bath Systems can be mounted to hold a roll of toilet paper. Invisia, meanwhile, makes a more substantial, 13-inch-high arched toilet paper holder.



A multi-stone brown counter with grab bar from Best Bath Systems. Best Bath Systems has a series of acrylic towel bars with hidden mounts that come in more than two-dozen colours; some opaque, some translucent, some with embedded stones and some that even glow in the dark. **BEST BATH SYSTEMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The Oil Kings will be travelling to the Memorial Cup on short rest after winning the WHL championship on Monday night. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Oil Kings in position to right the past

Memorial Cup. WHL champs have chance to erase memory from two years ago by winning CHL title

The Edmonton Oil Kings vowed this season to #TakeltBack. Their new Twitter hashtag is #TookItBack, as they'll represent the WHL at the Memorial Cup for the second time in three years.

Edmonton retains eight players from the team that lost a tiebreaker game to the Memorial Cup host and eventual champion Shawinigan Cataractes two years ago.

These Oil Kings must re-

cover for this year's tournament on the fly.

After needing seven games to beat the Portland Winterhawks in the WHL championship series, the Oil Kings will have just five days between Game 7 and their cup opener.

Edmonton's first game Saturday is against a more rested Guelph Storm, who needed five games to secure the OHL title.

"We'll gain from the experience of our last Memorial Cup two years ago," Oil Kings head coach Derek Laxdal says.

"We're going to have to be able to ramp it up pretty quick. Our group has been a resilient group. They come to play when it's time to play and we've had a lot of success on the road."

The Oil Kings are back in the Memorial Cup because of their

Opening game

The host London Knights kick off the 2014 MasterCard Memorial Cup on Friday against the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Val-d'Or Foreurs.

- Val-d'Or has the shortest turnaround of the four teams, having won its Game 7 against Baie-Comeau on Tuesday.

poise.

They weren't rattled after blowing a three-goal lead and losing in overtime to Portland in Sunday's Game 6 at Edmonton's Rexall Place. They flew to Oregon and beat the Winter-

hawks 4-2 on Monday for the title.

The Oil Kings were also down 0-2 to start the series and trailed by two goals in Game 3 before scoring three unanswered goals for the win.

Their fearlessness has roots in tragedy. Former Oil King winger Kristians Pelss died after leaping from a bridge in Riga, Latvia, almost a year ago. His friends said his death was an accident.

"The 'Play for Pelssy' motto this year really just motivated us," captain Curtis Lazar says. "It's another thing that brought us closer together, but we knew when we got on the ice and went to battle for each other that he'd be looking over us. He's a big part of it this year."

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NBA playoffs

Heat tear through Nets and into East final

Ray Allen's three-pointer with 32 seconds left highlighted a huge Miami rally, and the Heat advanced to the Eastern Conference finals by topping the Brooklyn Nets 96-94 on Wednesday night.

The Heat won the series 4-1, and will face either Indiana or Washington in the East final starting next week.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade each scored 28 for the Heat. Joe Johnson scored 34 for the Nets.

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Team Canada

Scrivens in line to earn top-dog status in net

Canada's Ben Scrivens will start against Denmark and may have an opportunity to claim the No. 1 goaltender job at the world hockey championship.

The Edmonton Oilers netminder allowed one goal on 24 shots in beating Slovakia on Saturday in the first international game of his career. James Reimer of the Toronto Maple Leafs stopped 57 of the 62 shots he faced in his two games: a shootout loss to France and a victory over the Czech Republic.

Coach Dave Tippett said he didn't know if those goaltenders split the next two games, given that Canada plays back-to-back against Denmark and then against Italy on Friday.

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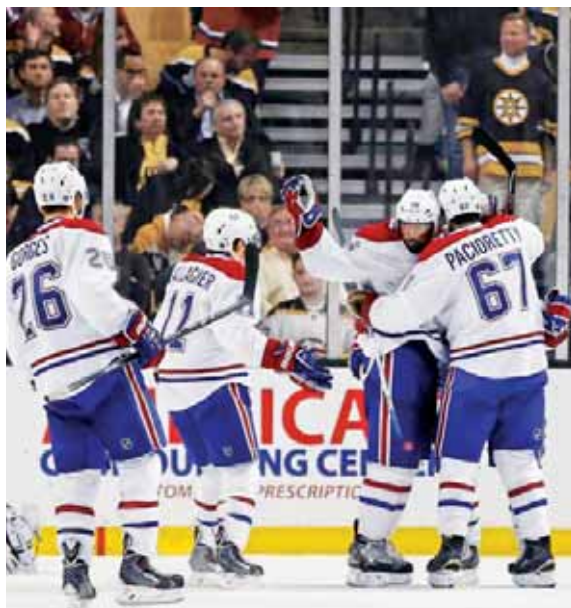
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Canadiens beat Bruins to reach conference final



Max Pacioretty celebrates his goal with defenceman P.K. Subban and other teammates in their Game 7 victory over the Bruins in Boston on Wednesday.
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Price, Subban lead Habs. In Boston and Montreal, two sellout crowds

Max Pacioretty scored the winner midway through the second period and Carey Price stopped 29 shots as the upstart Montreal Canadiens defeated Boston 3-1 in Game 7 on Wednesday to oust the league-leading Bruins from the playoffs.

The Canadiens started fast and then stymied the Bruins, winners of the Presidents' Trophy for the best regular-season record, to advance to the Eastern Conference final against the New York Rangers.

Dale Weise and Daniel Briere, with a late power-play goal, also scored for Montreal.

Jarome Iginla's goal, which cut the Canadiens' lead to 2-1 with 2:08 remaining in the second, set the scene for a dramatic third period.

Game 7

3

Canadiens

1

Bruins

The black and gold faithful hoped for yet another Bruins comeback, and they almost got their wish early in the third when Iginla, pouncing on a rare Price rebound, hit the post. Boston came on but the Canadiens held fast and Price was rock-solid with a disciplined team defending in front of him.

The late Boston surge was not helped by a Johnny Boychuk penalty for interference with 4:31 remaining. Montreal scored on the ensuing power play when Briere's centring pass bounced in off Zdeno Chara's skate at 18:07 to pad the lead to 3-1.

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Ulissi gets 5th-stage victory

The pack begins the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia, leaving Taranto, Italy, for Viggiano, Italy, on Wednesday. A powerful final burst from Diego Ulissi helped the Italian cyclist win the stage while Australian rider Michael Matthews retained the overall leader's pink jersey.

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Tour of California

Whistler's Routley takes Stage 4

Will Routley of Whistler, B.C., surprised the favoured sprinters by winning Stage 4 of the Tour of California on Wednesday, and Bradley Wiggins of Britain retained

his race lead for the third day.

Routley (Optun-Kelly Benefit), a former national titlist who was part of a six-rider, early race breakaway, completed the 102.6-mile Monterey-to-Cambria road race in three hours 48 minutes, 37 seconds.

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NBA

Warriors bet on TV analyst for head coach

The Golden State Warriors are taking another chance on a television analyst and former NBA guard who has never been a head coach at any level.

The Warriors won the bidding war with the New York Knicks for Steve Kerr on Wednesday, hiring him away from the TNT broadcast table to be their coach. Kerr agreed to a five-year, \$25-million deal with the Warriors, said his agent, Mike Tannenbaum.

Kerr had been in talks with the Knicks about becoming their next coach since Phil Jackson took over as team president in March. He won three titles playing for Jackson in Chicago and another two under Gregg Popovich in San Antonio.

Kerr also spent three seasons as general manager of the Phoenix Suns before stepping down in June 2010. He replaces Mark Jackson, who was fired by the Warriors on May 6 after three seasons and back-to-back playoff appearances.

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Canadian Championship. Stoppage-time goal sends Edmonton home

A stoppage-time goal by Patrice Bernier from the penalty spot and two first-half goals by Jack McInerney gave the Montreal Impact a 4-2 victory against FC Edmonton on Wednesday and a berth in the Amway Canadian Championship final.

Bernier's goal five minutes into stoppage time, effectively the last kick of the game, gave Montreal the 5-4 victory on aggregate over the Eddie's.

The Impact (1-0-1) went up 3-0 on goals by McInerney and Jeb Brovsky, and were all but assured victory before Edmonton clawed back in the second half.

FC Edmonton (2-1-1) captain Frank Jonke scored two goals, including one on a penalty kick, within three minutes in the second half. If not for Bernier's stoppage-time goal from the spot, the Eddie's would have progressed to the next round.

Montreal will play either Toronto FC or the Vancouver Whitecaps in the two-leg final on May 28 and June 4. The winner will advance to the CONCACAF Champions League.

Edmonton's goals on Wed-



FC Edmonton's Frank Jonke
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nesday were the first conceded by the Impact at Saputo Stadium in four Canadian Championship matches dating back to 2012, when the team joined MLS.

The Impact lost the first leg of the series 2-1 on the road last week after Edmonton scored in stoppage time. McInerney was the lone goal scorer for Montreal in that game, beating goalkeeper John Smits in the 56th minute.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

People respond better to charm than to threats, so use the power of Venus in your sign to work your way around their defenses. You need to know when to exert pressure and when to stand back.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There may be a clash of wills today but at least it will clear the air and remind certain people that just because you're a nice guy does not mean you are a pushover. This is your time of year and much is still possible.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You won't be short of friends today, tomorrow and over the weekend as Mercury, your ruler, links with Venus, planet of harmony. What you do with others will be more enjoyable than what you do by yourself.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It's OK to be forceful but sometimes you push too hard and turn people off. That should not be a problem today though as you find new ways to get along with work colleagues and people in positions of power. It's all about charm.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

No matter how many things may have gone wrong in your life in recent weeks your luck will change for the better today. Actually luck has little to do with it. It's your attitude that creates your world. Start smiling and winning again.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Make it a priority to kiss and make up with someone you fell out with a while back. Most likely you are genuinely sorry you got angry about something that, with hindsight, looks absurdly trivial.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Let the people you feel closest to know how much you need them and appreciate them and love them. It's not true that Librans lack emotion and anyone who thinks that will have no choice but to think again over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You could fall out with a work colleague or someone in authority today. It's OK to fight your corner, of course, but be sure in your mind that you are right and they are wrong. If there's any doubt it might be wise to back off.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You seem more relaxed about life and affairs of the heart. You also seem a lot less concerned with what others think about what you are doing. If it feels right to you, carry on.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

All sorts of opportunities are opening up for you now but they will be a lot more fun if you invite family and friends to join you on your journey. Make sure what you do for yourself you do also for the people care for.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Someone new will come into your life today. Is it a true love match or is it just a passing fancy? You may not know for sure until later in the year but if it's making you smile now it can't be all bad. Enjoy!

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Business affairs will go better today if you turn on the charm and let would-be partners know you are happy to work with them. There's more than enough profit to go around, so don't be greedy.

Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	6	1	7	9	5	2	3	4
3	2	7	1	4	6	9	5	8
4	9	5	3	8	2	6	1	7
5	7	9	8	2	4	3	6	1
6	4	2	5	1	3	7	8	9
1	3	8	9	6	7	5	4	2
2	5	3	4	7	1	8	9	6
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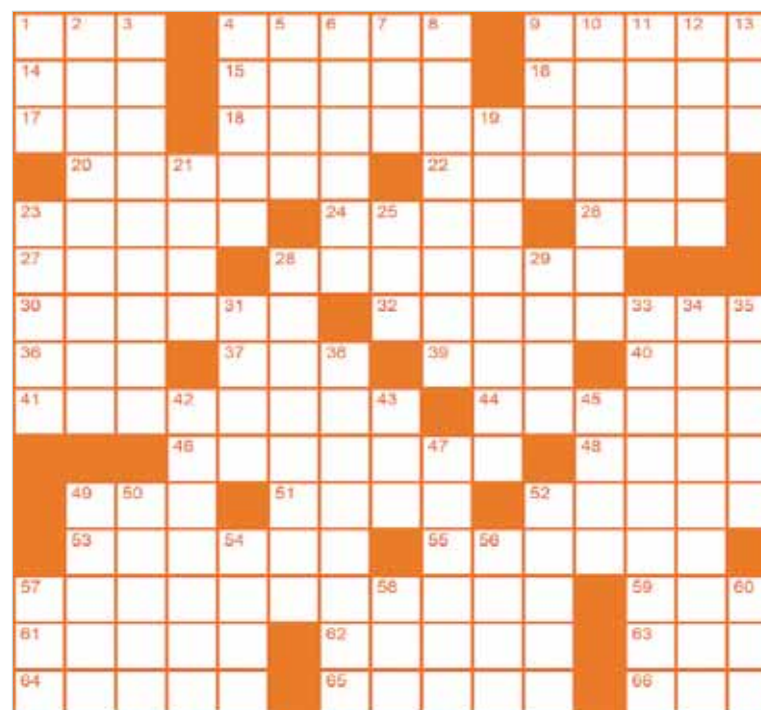
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Yesterday's Crossword



Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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1. Between G-J keyboard letter, repeated
4. Groups, briefly
9. Poet's 'close by'
14. Ghoul's cry!
15. Swift descent
16. British singer Emeli
17. Internet's 'incidentally'
18. 1969 Guess Who album: 2 wds.
20. Picasso's fashionable daughter
22. Smooth
23. Sacha Baron Cohen character
24. Pop __ (Archie Comics character)
26. Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
27. Solar deity, variantly
28. Continue: 2 wds.
30. Get married: 3 wds.
32. Canadian singer Victoria (See #57-Across for more!)
36. '90s judge Lance
37. Mr. Waxman's
39. Radio output, briefly
40. __-disant (Self-styled)
41. Rice alternative
44. Escalate: 2 wds.
46. Shrines
48. Skating great Ms. Thomas
49. Oklahoma city
51. Glow



52. Actress Dianna
53. Hair dryer brand
55. Boucherville
'boat'
57. Line in #32-Across' new single "More Than Friends" that's quite fitting for a crossword: "We fit together like a __..."
59. Utmost degree
61. Rob
62. Doesn't __ expected (Finishes in a stunning way)
63. Energy
64. Brains
65. Posh 'no'
66. Years: French

Down

1. Fireplace shelf
2. Passing-an-object quickly game: 2 wds.
3. "What's new?": 3 wds.
4. Tie type
5. Used the pool
6. Piano piece
7. __ sequitur
8. Range

9. "...__ forgive those who trespass..."
10. NWT: __ National Park Reserve
11. Hostile human
12. All in __ work
13. Former mil. General's abbr.
19. "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974) star

Richard
21. Ms. O'Grady
23. General
25. 'Dull' suffix
28. __-Britannique (Pacific province, in French)
29. "The Pride ___. Louis" (1952)
31. Fish kind
33. Jazz singer Ms. Spalding
34. Christian __ (Red-soled shoes luxury brand)
35. Use, as party platter sauce: 2 wds.
38. Dog or cat (or bird, hamster, etc.) for a comic book caped hero type: 2 wds.
42. Poem parts
43. Mid-'70s kidnappers
45. Fringe
47. In-a-military-unit war correspondents
49. Intense
50. Twelve
52. "Time is __ of trouble..." - Emily Dickinson
54. Ballet move, Pas __
56. Open __ of worms
57. Letter-writer's li'l afterthoughts
58. Magician's name suffix
60. Some printers, e.g.



ANSWERS: 1. Shoe is a new colour; 2. The phone is a different colour; 3. Extra bead is added to necklace; 4. The top of the glass jar is removed; 5. The bracelet is removed.

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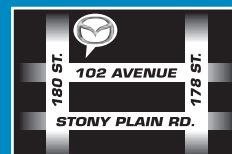
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